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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI
No. 89-R-99013-SCT

RE: CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

ORDER

This matter has come before the Court en banc on its own motion for consideration of an amendment to the Commentary to Section 3B(12) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, and the Court having considered the matter finds that the adoption of the amendment to the Commentary as set forth in Exhibit “A” hereto will promote the fair and effective administration of justice and that the amendment should be adopted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Commentary to Section 3B(12) of the Code of Judicial Conduct is adopted to read as set forth in Exhibit “A” hereto.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall spread this order upon the minutes of the Court and shall forthwith forward a true certified copy hereof to West Publishing Company for publication as soon as practical in the advance sheets of *Southern Reporter, Second Series (Mississippi Edition)* and in the next edition of *Mississippi Rules of Court*.

SO ORDERED, this the 11th day of April, 2003.

/s/ William L. Waller, Jr.

WILLIAM L. WALLER, JR., JUSTICE,
FOR THE COURT

DIAZ, J., NOT PARTICIPATING

EXHIBIT “A” TO ORDER
CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
Commentary to Section 3B(12)

Commentary

The ABA Model Code does not address broadcasting, televising, recording or photographing in the courtroom. This provision is taken from the Section 3A(7) of the prior Mississippi Code of Judicial Conduct.

Section 3B(12) prohibits broadcasting, televising, recording, or taking photographs in the courtroom and areas immediately adjacent thereto except as authorized by rule or order of the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has now adopted the Rules for Electronic and Photographic Coverage of Proceedings which provides detailed guidance for such coverage.