

Serial: 112058

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI
No. 89-R-99015-SCT**

***IN THE MATTER OF THE LOCAL RULES OF THE COUNTY COURT OF RANKIN
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI***

ORDER

This matter has come before the Court on letter request of Hon. Kent McDaniel, Senior Judge of the County Court of Rankin County, Mississippi seeking approval of an order filed in the county court on December 6, 2002 as a local rule of that court. Having considered the request, this Court finds that approval of such order as a local rule will promote the fair and efficient administration of justice and accomplishes the policy set forth in Rule 1.05A of the Uniform Rules of Circuit and County Court Practice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the order of the County Court of Rankin County, Mississippi attached as Exhibit "A" hereto is approved as a local rule of that court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Supreme Court shall spread this order on the minutes of the Court and shall forthwith forward a true certified copy of this order to West Publishing Company for inclusions in the *Southern Reporter, Second Series (Mississippi Edition)*.

SO ORDERED, this the 12th day of March, 2004.

/s/ William L. Waller, Jr.

WILLIAM L. WALLER, JR., PRESIDING JUSTICE

DIAZ, J., NOT PARTICIPATING.

EXHIBIT “A” TO ORDER

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE YOUTH COURT OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: DIVISIONS OF THE COURT

MISC. NO. _____

Pursuant to the provisions of *Section 9-9-18, Mississippi Code Annotated. Supp 2002*, the undersigned, as County Judge who has been for the longest time continuously a judge of the Court, does hereby divide the duties and responsibilities of the County Court and Youth Court of Rankin County, Mississippi as follows:

- 1) There is hereby created a Youth Court Division within the County Court of Rankin County, Mississippi and the Judge serving in Place Two referred to in the aforementioned statute shall, effective January 2, 2003, and thereafter until changed by further order of this Court, serve as the Judge of the Youth Court Division, and all duties and responsibilities relating in any way to the Youth Court Act and any other laws effecting children within the jurisdiction of the Act shall be handled by said Judge of Place Two, specifically including those administrative responsibilities related to or arising out of *Subsection 5 of Section 9-9-18*.
- 2) The Judge serving in Place One referred to in the aforementioned statute shall, effective January 2, 2003, and thereafter until changed by further order of this Court, have all duties and responsibilities related in any way to the civil, equity and criminal jurisdiction of County Court.

Nothing in the aforementioned division of duties and responsibilities shall impede or prevent the exercise of jurisdiction by either Judge in the Division assigned to the other Judge when such exercise of

jurisdiction is necessitated by schedule conflicts, emergencies, recusal, and the like, toward the end that the best interest of justice and judicial economy and the interest of the public in the prompt disposition of the business of the Court will be served by each such exercise of jurisdiction.

The Circuit Clerk of Rankin County, Mississippi is directed to spread this order on the minutes of the County Court and the Youth Court.

SO ORDERED, this the 6th day of December, 2002.

s/Kent McDaniel
Kent McDaniel
Senior County Judge

[Filed Dec-6 2002 Lanell Ivey,
Circuit Clerk]