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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 89-R-99026-SCT

***RE: COURT ANNEXED MEDIATION
RULES FOR CIVIL LITIGATION***

ORDER

This matter is before the Court en banc on Petition of Court Annexed Mediation Committee whereby the Committee asks that Rule XIII be amended to delete the termination date of the Rules and to make them permanent. Having considered the petition and finding that the experience of the past has demonstrated that mediation under the rules is beneficial to the administration of justice in this state, the Court further finds that the relief sought should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the petition of the Court Annexed Mediation Committee is granted and Rule XIII of the Court Annexed Mediation Rules for Civil Litigation is amended 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 forward a true certified copy hereof to West

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SO ORDERED, this the 24th day of September, 2004.

/s/ Jess H. Dickinson

JESS H. DICKINSON, JUSTICE, FOR
THE COURT

DIAZ, J., NOT PARTICIPATING

EXHIBIT “A” TO ORDER

COURT ANNEXED MEDIATION RULES FOR CIVIL LITIGATION

XIII. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF THE PLAN

~~Unless extended by order of the Supreme Court, this plan will expire on December 31, 2004.~~ The plan may be suspended or terminated by the Supreme Court upon a determination by the Court that there is an inadequate number of qualified mediators available to meet the demand without undue delay in the disposition of cases, or for such other reason as the Court may deem appropriate.

[Amended effective June 27, 2002; amended effective September 30, 2004 to remove the automatic termination provision from the rules.]