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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 89-R-99015-SCT

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***RE: LOCAL RULES OF THE SIXTH
CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT OF
MISSISSIPPI***

ORDER

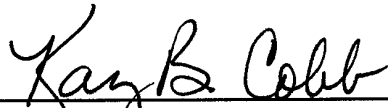
This matter has come before the Court en banc on petition of the judges of the Sixth Circuit Court District for approval of a new Local Rule 1. Having considered the petition, this Court finds that the petition should be granted and that the rule should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the petition of the judges of the Sixth Circuit Court District for approval of a new local rule is granted, and that Local Rule 1 as set forth in the order of the Sixth Circuit Court District of Mississippi attached as Exhibit "A" hereto is approved.

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 inclusion in the *Southern Reporter, Second Series*
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SO ORDERED, this the 2nd day of September, 2003.



KAY B. COBB, JUSTICE, FOR THE
COURT

McRAE, P.J. AND DIAZ, EASLEY AND GRAVES, JJ., NOT PARTICIPATING

EXHIBIT "A" TO SUPREME COURT ORDER

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M.L. VINES, CIRCUIT CLERK
BY [Signature] D.C.

This matter comes before the undersigned judges of the Sixth Circuit Court District, on their own joint motion, for consideration of a local rule for the assignment of civil cases. The following factors were identified and considered by said judges:

1. Adams County has the largest caseload of the district, consisting of approximately one-half of the total caseload, with Amite, Franklin and Wilkinson Counties having varying caseloads, taken into consideration by the judges;
2. The courthouses in Amite, Franklin and Wilkinson Counties each have only one courtroom, which must be shared with the Chancery Court of that county;
3. The court terms for the respective counties in the Sixth Circuit Court District, a total of fifty-two weeks, overlap at various times throughout the year;
4. The district's geographical composition, including distances between the various courthouses;
5. The court attendance and travel requirements of the respective judges and the most economical and efficient way to provide for the division of such;
6. Other relevant factors concerning the needs of economy and efficiency of the judges and the respective counties of the district; and
7. The division of the caseloads found by the respective judges, through years of experience, to be practical and economical, while working in an efficient and fair manner.

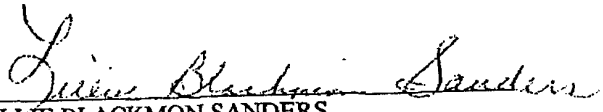
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, pursuant to URCCC 1.05A and MRCP 83 that Rule 1 of the Local Rules For the Sixth Circuit Court District, providing for the assignment of civil cases, as set out in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, be adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to MRCP 83, that said rule be submitted forthwith to the Supreme Court of Mississippi for approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to URCCC 1.05A, that the existing local practices of the Sixth Circuit Court District, used for the economical and efficient assignment of civil cases, as set out in said Rule 1, be continued, until the Supreme Court of Mississippi has considered the submission for approval.

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


LILEIE BLACKMON SANDERS
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

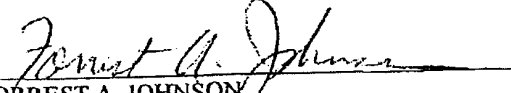

FORREST A. JOHNSON
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

EXHIBIT "A" TO ORDER

LOCAL RULES FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT

RULE 1: ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL CASES

A. Cases in Adams County shall be assigned at random, in a manner determined by mutual agreement of the two judges and in compliance with URCCC 1.05A. The resulting division of the assigned cases shall be one-half to each judge.

B. Cases in Amite County shall be assigned at random, in a manner determined by mutual agreement of the two judges and in compliance with URCCC 1.05A. The resulting division of the assigned cases shall be one-third to the judge elected from subdistrict 6-1 and two-thirds to the judge elected from subdistrict 6-2.

C. Cases in Franklin County shall all be initially assigned to the judge elected from subdistrict 6-2.

D. Cases in Wilkinson County shall all be initially assigned to the judge elected from subdistrict 6-1.