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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 89-R-99026-SCT

IN RE: AUTHORIZATION OF COURT ANNEXED MEDIATION IN CHANCERY, CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Petition of the Mississippi Bar to Establish Enhanced Qualifications for Inclusion on the List of Court Annexed Mediation Program Mediators. Pursuant to Section X of the Court Annexed Mediation Rules for Civil Litigation, the Mississippi Bar petitions the Court to enhance the qualifications for inclusion on the list of mediators. After due consideration, the Court finds that the petition should be granted, in part and denied, in part.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Petition of the Mississippi Bar to Establish Enhanced Qualifications for Inclusion on the List of Court Annexed Mediation Program Mediators, referenced in Section X of the Court Annexed Mediation Rules for Civil Litigation are enhanced, as follows:

1. A person desiring to be enrolled on the list of mediators must be a member of the Mississippi Bar in good standing, 2. Must have completed a minimum of fourteen (14) hours of mediation training in a program approved by the Court Annexed Mediation Committee or by the Commission on Continuing Legal Education,

3. Must complete at least six (6) hours of mediation related continuing education in a program approved by the Court Annexed Mediation Committee or by the Commission on Continuing Legal Education during each two-calendar-year period following enrollment,

4. Must be familiar with and adhere to the Court Annexed Mediation Rules of Civil Litigation, and

5. May indicate on the application for inclusion on the List the types of mediation the applicant is available to undertake.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall spread this order upon the minutes of the Court and that a true certified copy be forwarded forthwith to West Publishing Company for publication in *Southern Reporter Second (Mississippi Edition)* and the *Mississippi Rules of Court*.

SO ORDERED, this the <u>13th</u> day of May, 2008.

/s/ William L. Waller, Jr.

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

TO GRANT: SMITH, C.J., WALLER AND DIAZ, P.JJ., CARLSON, DICKINSON, RANDOLPH AND LAMAR, JJ.

TO DENY: EASLEY, J.

NOT PARTICIPATING: GRAVES, J.