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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 89-R-99015-SCT

RE: LOCAL RULES FOR THE FOURTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT

ORDER

This matter is before the Court en banc on petition of the chancellors of the Fourteenth Chancery Court District for approval of a local rule styled "Local Rule One-Ex Parte Matters". Having considered the petition, the Court finds that the approval of such local rule will promote the fair and efficient administration of justice, and that such rule should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Local Rule One-Ex Parte Matters submitted by the chancellors of the Fourteenth Chancery Court District as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto is approved as a local rule for that district.

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* (*Mississippi Edition*). SO ORDERED, this the <u>21st</u> day of June, 2004.

/s/ William L. Waller, Jr.

WILLIAM L. WALLER, JR., PRESIDING JUSTICE

DIAZ, J, NOT PARTICIPATING.

EXHIBIT "A" TO ORDER

Local Rule One-Ex Parte Matters

Notwithstanding the random assignment of cases to the chancellors of the district, the following ex parte matters may be heard by any judge of the district if the requested judge shall consent for the convenience of the parties and their attorneys: joint bills for an irreconcilable difference divorce where children are not involved, uncontested settlements of a doubtful claim, opening uncontested guardianships, opening and closing uncontested estates, uncontested name changes and corrections of birth certificates, uncontested legitimation and paternity actions, admissions to the bar, probate of muniments of title, uncontested heirship suits, uncontested adoptions, uncontested removal of disabilities of minority, commitments if a special master is unavailable, uncontested bond validations, opening uncontested conservatorships and such other uncontested matters as may be appropriate under this rule.