

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

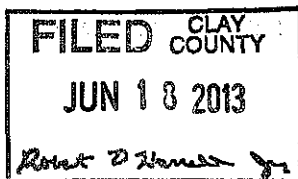
IN RE: MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS

**ORDER APPROVING ELECTRONIC FILING
AS PART OF MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS**

On the Court's own motion and pursuant to that certain Administrative Order entered by the Mississippi Supreme Court in Cause No. 2011-0001 dated May 26, 2011, the Court hereby approves the use of the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) system in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Mississippi. Administrative Procedures for the Mississippi Electronic Courts, as approved by the Mississippi Supreme Court, are hereby adopted by this Court for use of MEC. Accordingly, in those cases which are designated below for inclusion in MEC, the filing, signing, verification, and service of all pleadings and papers in the Circuit Court of Clay County shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures for the MEC.

As part of the use of MEC, the Court hereby orders and directs that cases be designated for inclusion in MEC in the following manner:

1. Beginning on June 13, 2013, attorneys **may** electronically file pleadings and papers in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in any case initiated on or after April 16, 2013, or as described in paragraph 3 below ("MEC Cases"). If an attorney chooses to electronically file a pleading or paper in an MEC Case, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers by that attorney in that particular case shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures from that point forward.
2. Beginning on August 1, 2013, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers **shall** be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in all MEC Cases.
3. All cases initiated prior to April 16, 2013, will become part of the MEC system and, therefore, subject to the Administrative Procedures in the following manner:



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- a. When a pleading, order, or other paper is filed on or after April 16, 2013, the Clerk shall open that particular case in the MEC system. The Clerk may also open such other cases in the MEC system as deemed appropriate or as directed by the Court.
- b. After a case has been opened in the MEC system as set forth in subsection a. above, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers in that particular case shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures from that point forward.

The Circuit Clerk of Clay County, Mississippi is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with all deliberate speed in the implementation of MEC. The Clerk is further authorized to begin exclusive use of the MEC system as the official system for case docketing in Clay County Circuit Court, and he is authorized to maintain any and all books and dockets utilizing the MEC system. The Clerk is directed to maintain all case files and pleadings in their current form until further order of this Court.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 17 day of June, 2013.

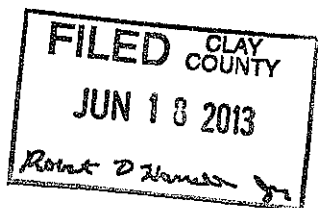


LEE J. HOWARD, CIRCUIT JUDGE

AGREED TO BY:



CIRCUIT CLERK



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