

IN THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS
OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC
COURTS SYSTEM

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John White
FORREST COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

**ORDER APPROVING USE OF
MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS SYSTEM**

On the Courts' 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 Courts hereby approve the use of the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) system for all *civil* and *criminal* filings in the Circuit and County Courts of Forrest County, Mississippi. Administrative Procedures for the Mississippi Electronic Courts, as approved by the Mississippi Supreme Court, are hereby adopted by these Courts 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 and County Courts of Forrest County shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures for MEC.

As part of the use of MEC, the Courts hereby order and direct that *civil* and *criminal* cases be designated for inclusion in MEC in the following manner:

1. Beginning on Monday, August 3, 2020, attorneys **may** electronically file pleadings and papers in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in any case initiated on or after **GO LIVE DATE**, 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 Monday, August 10, 2020, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers **shall** be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in all MEC Cases.
3. When a pleading, order, or other paper is filed on or after Monday, July 27, 2020, into an existing or re-opened case, the Clerk shall open that particular case in the MEC system and scan all prior case documents into the case in the MEC system.

The Circuit Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with all deliberate speed in the implementation of MEC for *civil* and *criminal* cases. As part of the transition to MEC, the Circuit Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to modify the case number format for all cases which become part of MEC to conform to the standard format found in MEC. The Circuit Clerk is further authorized to begin exclusive use of MEC as the official system for case docketing in the Forrest County Circuit and County Courts for *civil* and *criminal* filings and is authorized to maintain any and all books and dockets utilizing MEC.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 4 day of Aug, 2020.



HON. ROBERT B. HELFRICH
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE



HON. JON MARK WEATHERS
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE



HON. CAROL JONES RUSSELL
COUNTY COURT JUDGE

AGREED TO AND APPROVED BY:


FORREST COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
GWEN WILKS