

County Court of Madison County goes paperless

June 7, 2012

The County Court of Madison County will officially become a paperless system of civil court records June 29.

The Mississippi Electronic Courts system will become the official system of case filing and docketing for the County Court of Madison County. With the close of business June 29, officials will cease using the docketing system on Madison County's mainframe computer.

Madison County Court Judges Edwin Hannan and Steve Ratcliff in an order filed on May 24 directed that civil case filing and docketing in the Madison County Court will be paperless. Accommodations will be made for self-represented litigants who lack the ability to file documents electronically.

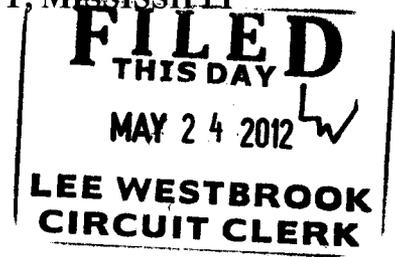
The Circuit Clerk, who is the clerk of courts for the County Court and the Circuit Court, will maintain all previously filed paper records.

Madison County was the original pilot test site for the development of the Mississippi Electronic Courts system. Madison County Chancery Court was the first to test electronic filing in the MEC system. Voluntary electronic filing began in Madison Chancery Court in July 2009, and became mandatory in September 2009. Madison Circuit Court began voluntary e-filing in specified civil cases in March 2010, and e-filing became mandatory in April 2010. The County Court of Madison County began e-filing in September 2010.

The Mississippi Electronic Courts electronic filing and case management system is modeled on the system used by federal district courts. The system allows attorneys to file pleadings and retrieve documents via the Internet, and is intended to make court records more accessible to the public.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI



IN RE: MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS

**ORDER APPROVING CESSATION OF CASE DOCKETING
IN THE COURT'S MAINFRAME AS/400 SYSTEM AND
PROVIDING FOR PAPERLESS COURTS
UTILIZING THE MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS**

On the Court's own motion and pursuant to M.R.C.P. 5 and URCCC 1.16, and the Court, finding that the Clerk of this Court and her staff have successfully pilot-tested and implemented the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) system in the County Court of Madison County, and further finding that all pleadings, case files, and all other Court records can be adequately maintained as part of the MEC system,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, as of the close of business on June 29, 2012, the Clerk of this Court is authorized and directed to cease using the docketing system housed on the Madison County mainframe AS/400 computer for all civil cases. The Clerk is further authorized and directed to begin exclusive use of the MEC system as the official system for civil case docketing in the County Court of Madison County, and she is authorized to maintain any and all books and dockets utilizing the MEC system.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, effective as of the close of business June 29, 2012, the Clerk of this Court is authorized and directed to cease the current maintenance of paper files for all MEC cases, except as required by the Administrative Procedures for the Mississippi

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Electronic Courts previously adopted by this Court. Pleadings previously filed in paper form shall nevertheless be preserved by the Clerk in all cases, whether MEC cases or otherwise.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 23rd day of May, 2012.


COUNTY COURT JUDGE


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AGREED TO AND APPROVED BY:


CIRCUIT CLERK