

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS 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 Chancery Court of Hinds 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 Chancery Court of Hinds County shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures for the MEC.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, as part of the use of MEC, that cases be designated for inclusion in MEC in the following manner:

1. Beginning on April <sup>3</sup>~~4~~, 2013, attorneys may electronically file pleadings and papers in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in any case initiated on or after January 7, 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 June 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 January 7, 2013, will become part of the MEC system and, therefore, subject to the Administrative Procedures and the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 above in the following manner:
  - a. When a pleading, order, or other paper is filed on or after January 7, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as of the start of business on April <sup>20</sup>~~1~~, 2013, the Clerk of this Court is authorized to cease using the current docketing system for all cases. The Clerk is further authorized to begin exclusive use of the MEC system as the official system for case docketing in Hinds County Chancery Court, and she is authorized to maintain any and all books and dockets utilizing the MEC system. The Clerk is further directed to maintain case files, pleadings, and all other court records in their current form until further order of this Court.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 20 day of April, 2013.

  
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DENISE OWENS, CHANCELLOR

AGREED TO BY:

  
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CHANCERY CLERK