

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**IN RE: MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC
COURTS SYSTEM**

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

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 Benton 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 Benton County, Mississippi shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures for 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 Monday, May 22, 2023, 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, May 29, 2023, 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, May 15, 2023, 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.

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The Chancery Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with all deliberate speed in the implementation of MEC. As part of the transition to MEC, the Chancery 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 Chancery Clerk is further authorized to begin exclusive use of MEC as the official system for case docketing in Benton County Chancery Court and is authorized to maintain any and all books and dockets utilizing MEC.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 11th day of May, 2023.



HON. ROBERT Q. WHITWELL
CHANCERY COURT JUDGE



HON. LAWRENCE L. "LARRY" LITTLE
CHANCERY COURT JUDGE

AGREED TO AND APPROVED BY:



BENTON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT CLERK
MARLENE MCKENZIE