

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS OF PANOLA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST AND SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

**IN RE: MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC
COURTS SYSTEM**

**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 Courts of Panola 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 Courts of Panola 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. When a pleading, order, or other paper is filed on or after Monday, December 18, 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.
2. Beginning on Wednesday, December 27, 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.
3. Beginning on Monday, January 1, 2024, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers **shall** be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in all MEC Cases.

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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 Panola County Circuit 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 14th day of December, 2023.

James McClure III

HON. JAMES MCCLURE III
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

AGREED TO AND APPROVED BY:

Melissa Meek-PHELPS
PANOLA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
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