

**LOCAL RULES
FOR
FOURTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI**

[Renumbered and codified by order of the Supreme Court effective May 18, 2006.]

RULE 1. PLACING ACTIONS ON CALENDARS

(a) On or before Thursday receding each scheduled term of this Court, the Clerk shall prepare a list of all actions triable at such term, separated as to Trial Calendar and Divorce Calendar, and shall provide sufficient copies thereof for all attorney having business before the Court.

(b) The Trial Calendar will be called at 9:30 a.m. on the First Monday of each term.

(c) At the conclusion of the Trial Calendar, the Court will proceed to hear the motions noticed for hearing on said date or previously continued until said date. Motions not reached on the first day shall be set over for a date certain by the Court and will be disposed of as soon as possible.

(d) The Divorce Calendar will be called at 9:30 a.m. on the First Tuesday of each term, and all uncontested divorces heard.

RULE 2. VACATION AND MOTION DAYS

(a) The following are designated as Vacation and Motion Days and are set apart for Vacation matters and motions:

Amite County:	First and Third Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.
Franklin County:	First and Third Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
Pike County:	First and Third Friday, 9:30 a.m.
Walthall County:	First and Third Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

(b) The Vacation and Motion Day Schedule will not be followed during a term of Court.

(c) In addition to the opening day of each regular term of Court, Motions may be made returnable to a regularly scheduled Vacation and Motion Day. Motions will be heard on said day or on such day thereafter as may be set by the Court in the event that it cannot be reached on said date.

(d) Specific authority of the Chancellor will be obtained before setting any motion for modification of a judgment of divorce, for a contempt proceeding, for temporary support or

other temporary relief.

(e) If the Chancellor shall be unable to be present for Vacation or Motion Days, he will notify the Clerk of cancellation of the day as far ahead as practicable.

(f) Counsel shall notify the Chancellor promptly upon learning that a scheduled matter will not be heard.

RULE 3. PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCES

Pre-Trial Conferences shall be set at the discretion of the Court, either in term time or vacation, upon application of the parties or as deemed necessary by the Court.

RULE 4. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

In all domestic matters wherein financial relief is sought, the parties shall be prepared to furnish full financial information to the Court and opposing counsel at the original consideration of the matter. It is suggested that this information be furnished on Financial Disclosure Statement Forms provided by the Chancery Clerk's Office.

RULE 5. APPLICATION OF RULE 78 (MOTION DAY)

(a) In domestic matters where temporary relief is sought, written statements in support and opposition of motions scheduled for hearing under Rule 78 shall be submitted in lieu of oral presentation.

(b) Should circumstances warrant, the Court may, in its discretion, upon motion of either party, proceed to hear the issues presented.

RULE 6. DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL RULES

(a) The Clerk of this Court shall certify and file with the Supreme Court of Mississippi, a copy of this Order.

(b) The Clerk of this Court shall provide copies of this Order to all members of the Bar having a need therefor, and further shall maintain a supply of copies to be provided to interested parties as the need may arise.

[Adopted by order entered December 4, 1989 and approved by the Supreme Court by order entered January 24, 1990.]

