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Re: Motion to Amend Rule 7 of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

We support the proposed amendment of Rule 7 of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

The proposed amendment for the most part simplifies and clarifies.

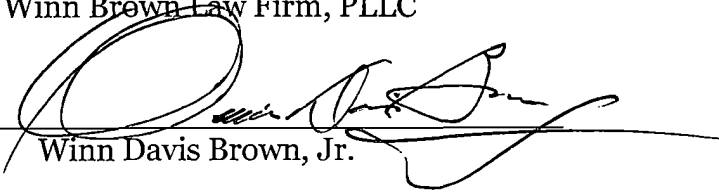
**However, omission of the language providing that the 'court may order a reply to an answer or third party answer' in proposed Rule 7 leaves the language in Proposed Rule 12 that "If a reply is ordered by the court, the reply shall be served within thirty days after service of the order, unless the order otherwise directs." without any antecedent in the Rules concerning when a court may order a reply.**

**We also suggest that abandoning the traditional Mississippi term "counter-claim" in favor of "counterclaim" in this Rule is a change which is without merit and is a change merely for the sake of change.**

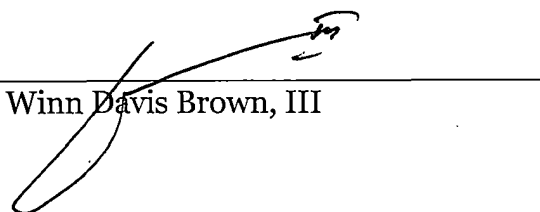
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