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> Re: Public Comments: Proposed Amendments to Miss. R. Civ. P. 26

Dear Supreme Court Rules Committee:

This letter is being submitted in opposition to the proposed amendments to Rule 26 of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure posted for public comment on September 28, 2023. I respectfully oppose the proposed amendments. In doing so I hereby join in and adopt the letters previously submitted to this committee by Matt Miller dated October 13, 2023, Penny Lawson of October 23, 2023, and the letters of Stephen Peresich and Bill Whitfield of October 26, 2023. In my experience, for the reasons articulated in those letters, the proposed amendments are unnecessary and will create a significant opportunity for frequent abuse and gamesmanship.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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