

**LOCAL RULES
FOR
COUNTY COURT OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
AND
YOUTH COURT OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

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

RULE 1. DIVISIONS OF COURT

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of *Section 9-9-18, Mississippi Code Annotated, Supp. 2002*, the undersigned, as County Judge who has been for the longest time continuously a judge of the Court, does hereby divide the duties and responsibilities of the County Court and Youth Court of Rankin County, Mississippi as follows:

(1) There is hereby created a Youth Court Division within the County Court of Rankin County, Mississippi, and the Judge serving in Place Two referred to in the aforementioned statute shall, effective January 2, 2003, and thereafter until changed by further order of this Court, serve as the Judge of the Youth Court Division, and all duties and responsibilities related in any way to the Youth Court Act and any other laws effecting children within the jurisdiction of the Act shall be handled by said Judge of Place Two, specifically including those administrative responsibilities related to or arising out of *Subsection 5 of Section 9-9-18*.

(2) The Judge serving in Place One referred to in the aforementioned statute shall, effective January 2, 2003, and thereafter until changed by further order of this Court, have all duties and responsibilities related in any way to the civil, equity, and criminal jurisdiction of County Court.

(b) Nothing in the aforementioned division of duties and responsibilities shall impede or prevent the exercise of jurisdiction by either Judge in the Division assigned to the other Judge when such exercise of jurisdiction is necessitated by schedule conflicts, emergencies, recusal, and the like, toward the end that the best interests of justice and judicial economy and the interests of the public in the prompt disposition of the business of the Court will be served by each such exercise of jurisdiction.

(c) The Circuit Clerk of Rankin County, Mississippi is directed to spread this order on the minutes of the County Court and the Youth Court.

[Adopted by order entered December 6, 2002, and approved by the Supreme Court by order entered March 12, 2004.]