

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

The Supreme Court's Rules Committee on Civil Practice and Procedure seeks comments from the bench, the bar, and the public on a proposed amendment to Rule 42 of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure filed by the Advisory Committee on Rules.

Comments must be filed with the Clerk of Appellate Courts at Post Office Box 249, Jackson, Mississippi 39205. **The filing deadline is June 12, 2014.**

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### **RULE 42. CONSOLIDATION: SEPARATE TRIALS**

(a) \* \* \* unchanged \* \* \*

(b) \* \* \* unchanged \* \* \*

**(c) Counties Within a Single Circuit or Chancery Court District.** When civil actions involving common questions of fact or law are pending in different counties of a single Circuit or Chancery Court district, such actions may be consolidated for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings, and, if the actions do not involve trials by jury, may be consolidated for all purposes.

#### **Comment**

\* \* \* preceding paragraphs of Comment unchanged \* \* \*

Rule 42(c) promotes judicial economy and efficiency by providing for consolidation of pretrial proceedings of actions pending in different counties of a single Circuit or Chancery Court district and for consolidation of bench trials in such actions.