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Mississippi Supreme Court's Rules Committee

On Civil Practice and Procedure

P. O. Box 249

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Re: Review of Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are my suggested changes to the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure. I appreciate your attention to these suggested changes.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Gates".

Leslie Gates

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PROPOSED CHANGES

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Summary judgment motion—The moving party has to present evidence in the form of an affidavit based on personal knowledge, or a properly authenticated document, or a discovery document, before the non-moving party is required to go forward.

Offer of judgment—either the plaintiff or the defendant shall be permitted to make an offer of judgment.

Rule 81—Once a person has been served with a Rule 81 summons, the Court may enter an order retaining jurisdiction over the party served until further order of the Court without the necessity of further continuances to dates certain as a means of maintaining jurisdiction. The party served may be required to provide an address at which notices will be mailed to him. Notices of further hearings may be mailed to the party served at the address furnished.

Rule 59—Motions for new trial or to alter or amend judgment may be considered upon rulings in temporary hearings in divorce cases, and in rulings on contempts in domestic relations cases, regardless of whether such rulings are otherwise considered final judgments.