

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC
COURTS SYSTEM

ORDER APPROVING USE OF
MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS SYSTEM

On the Court's own motion and pursuant to that certain Administrative Order entered by the Mississippi Supreme Court in Cause No. 2011-0001, dated May 26, 2011, the Court hereby approves the use of the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) system for all civil and criminal filings in the Circuit Court of Benton County, Mississippi. Administrative Procedures for the Mississippi Electronic Courts, as approved by the Mississippi Supreme Court, are hereby adopted by this Court for use of MEC. Accordingly, in those cases which are designated below for inclusion in MEC, the filing, signing, verification, and service of all pleadings and papers in the Circuit Court of Benton County shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures for MEC.

As part of the use of MEC, the Court hereby orders and directs that civil and criminal cases be designated for inclusion in MEC in the following manner:

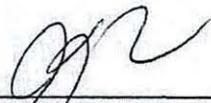
1. Beginning on Monday, February 10, 2025, when a pleading, order, or other paper is filed into an existing or re-opened case, the Clerk shall open that particular case in the MEC system and scan all prior case documents into the case in the MEC system.
2. Beginning on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, attorneys may electronically file pleadings and papers in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in any case initiated on or after **GO LIVE DATE**, or as described in paragraph 1 above ("MEC Cases"). If an attorney chooses to electronically file a pleading or paper in an MEC Case, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers by that attorney in that particular case shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures from that point forward.
3. Beginning on Monday, February 24, 2025, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in all MEC Cases.

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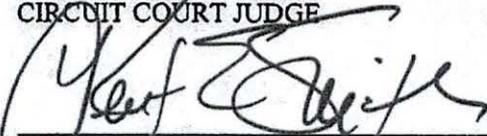
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The Circuit Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with all deliberate speed in the implementation of MEC for civil and criminal cases. As part of the transition to MEC, the Circuit Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to modify the case number format for all cases which become part of MEC to conform to the standard format found in MEC. The Circuit Clerk is further authorized to begin exclusive use of MEC as the official system for case docketing in Benton County Circuit Court for civil and criminal filings and is authorized to maintain any and all books and dockets utilizing MEC.

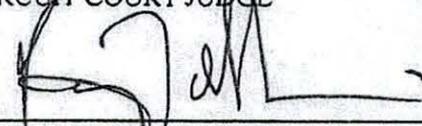
SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 3 day of February, 2025.



HON. J. KELLY LUTHER
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE



HON. KENT E. SMITH
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE



HON. GRADY F. TOLLISON III
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

AGREED TO AND APPROVED BY:



BENTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
KATHY M. GRAVES

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