

PAMEC usage charges to become effective July 1, 2011

By Order dated May 26, 2011, the Supreme Court approved new usage fees for Public Access to Mississippi Electronic Courts (PAMEC) (see Order below). The Order sets an annual registration and renewal fee of \$10.00 per user and a per-page charge of \$.20 for viewing of documents in participating MEC courts. The fees become effective July 1, 2011.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

NO. 2011-AD-00001-SCT

IN RE: MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

PUBLIC ACCESS TO MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS (PAMEC)

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 9-21-3(d) charging the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) with assisting the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court with promulgating standards, rules, and regulations for computer and/or electronic filing and storage of all court records and court related records; pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 9-21-14 authorizing the Supreme Court to utilize and fund pilot programs for case management and electronic filing systems; pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 9-1-53 authorizing the Supreme Court to adopt rules and regulations prescribed by the AOC concerning the electronic filing and electronic storage of court documents; pursuant to the inherent rule-making power of the Supreme Court, and in furtherance of its constitutional duty to ensure the fair and efficient administration of justice in the courts of Mississippi, the Court, en banc, does hereby find and order as follows:

1. Pursuant to the Order of the Court dated April 10, 2008, the Court, through the AOC and with the assistance of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS), has been developing the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) system to provide efficient management of the business of the courts of the state and to accommodate electronic filing by litigants.

2. Since April 10, 2008, the MEC project team has been conducting a Pilot Project of the MEC system in Madison County, Scott County, and Warren County. The MEC project team has now completed the design and initial testing of the system as shown by the Report and Recommendation to the Supreme Court regarding completion of the Civil Phase of the Pilot Project dated May 6, 2011. As stated in the report, the MEC project team has concluded that implementation of the billing component of Public Access to Mississippi Electronic Courts (PAMEC) should begin.

3. Having received the report of the MEC project team, the Court concludes that the enumerated recommendations with regard to the billing component of PAMEC

are well-taken and should be followed, and that doing so will promote the fair and effective administration of justice within the state.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) shall implement the billing component of Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC), known as Public Access to Mississippi Electronic Courts (PAMEC). Effective July 1, 2011, users shall be charged a ten-dollar (\$10.00) annual registration/renewal fee and twenty cents (\$0.20) for each page viewed in the MEC system.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Supreme Court Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the AOC, with notice to the Court, is hereby authorized and directed to approve such other modifications to the billing component of PAMEC as may be required to further test, implement, and manage PAMEC.

SO ORDERED, this the 26th day of May, 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William L. Waller, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM L. WALLER, JR.
CHIEF JUSTICE
FOR THE COURT