

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI** **FILED**

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**GENERAL ORDER CHANGING**  
**LOCATION OF TRIALS FOR NOVEMBER 2005 TERM OF COURT** OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
SUPREME COURT  
COURT OF APPEALS

On August 29, 2005, the Mississippi Gulf Coast was struck by Hurricane Katrina, a catastrophe of historic proportions. As a result of that hurricane, on September 6, 2005, the Mississippi Supreme Court issued Administrative Order No. 2005-AD-00001-SCT which, inter alia, granted unto the trial courts authority "to exercise their sound discretion in extending deadlines, rescheduling hearings and trials and any other matters by case specific actions or by general orders...."

The November Term of Chancery Court for the Eighth Chancery Court District, Hancock County, begins the second Monday of November and extends for three (3) weeks. Hurricane Katrina damaged the court facilities in Hancock County, Mississippi to such an extent that, although progress is being made to provide alternative facilities, there is no location in Hancock County which is adequate and available to hold hearings and/or trials during the November Term of Chancery Court. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority granted by Mississippi Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2005-AD-00001-SCT, and "[t]o prevent injustice due to the unusual circumstances caused by Hurricane Katrina as to trial court proceedings" in this district, and after conferring with the Honorable Tim Kellar, Hancock County Chancery Clerk, all matters which are either currently set, need to be set, or any emergency matters which require a hearing on this docket for the November Term of Chancery Court of Hancock County, shall be held and heard in the Harrison County Courthouse in Gulfport, Mississippi.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that pursuant to the authority granted by Mississippi Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2005-AD-00001-SCT, and "[t]o prevent

injustice due to the unusual circumstances caused by Hurricane Katrina as to trial court proceedings” in this district, and after conferring with the Honorable Tim Kellar, Hancock County Chancery Clerk, all matters which are either currently set, need to be set, or any emergency matters which require a hearing on this Court’s docket for the November Term of Chancery Court of Hancock County, shall be held and heard in the Harrison County Courthouse in Gulfport, Mississippi.

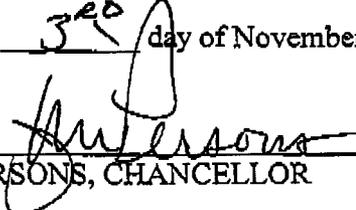
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that all summons, subpoenas and/or other process issued for the November Term of Chancery Court returnable to the Hancock County Courthouse, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, shall be deemed returnable to the Harrison County Courthouse, Gulfport, Mississippi, without further order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that all counsel presenting business to the Court during the November Term of Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, shall appear and present said matters to the Court in the Harrison County Courthouse in Gulfport, Mississippi.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that all counsel presenting business to the Court during the November Term of Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, shall immediately notify all clients and witnesses of this General Order and direct them to appear at the Harrison County Courthouse in Gulfport, Mississippi.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that this General Order shall only apply to the November Term of Chancery Court of in Hancock County, Mississippi.

**SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED**, this the 3<sup>RD</sup> day of November, 2005.

  
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JIM PERSONS, CHANCELLOR