

IN THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS  
OF DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC  
COURTS SYSTEM

ORDER APPROVING USE OF  
MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS SYSTEM

On the Courts' own motions and pursuant to that certain Administrative Order entered by the Mississippi Supreme Court in Cause No. 2011-0001, dated May 26, 2011, the Courts hereby approve the use of the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) system for all *criminal* filings in the Circuit and County Courts of DeSoto County, Mississippi. Administrative Procedures for the Mississippi Electronic Courts, as approved by the Mississippi Supreme Court, are hereby adopted by these Courts 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 *criminal* cases in the Circuit and County Courts of DeSoto County shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures for MEC.

As part of the use of MEC, the Courts hereby order and direct that *criminal* cases be designated for inclusion in MEC in the following manner:

1. Beginning on Monday, October 25, 2021, 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 3 below ("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.
2. Beginning on Monday, November 8, 2021, all filing, signing, verification, and service of pleadings and papers shall be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures in all MEC Cases.
3. When a pleading, order, or other paper is filed on or after Monday, October 25, 2021, 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.

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DALE K. THOMPSON, CIRCUIT CLERK  
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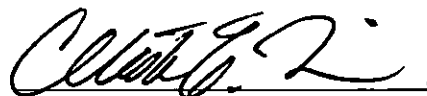
The Circuit Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with all deliberate speed in the implementation of MEC for *criminal* cases. As part of the transition to MEC, the Circuit Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to modify the case number format for all cases which become part of MEC to 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 the DeSoto County Circuit and County Courts for *criminal* filings and is authorized to maintain any and all books and dockets utilizing MEC.

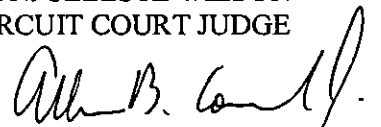
SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

  
HON. JAMES MCCLURE, III 11-15-21  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

  
HON. GERALD CHATHAM, SR. Nov. 2, 2021  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

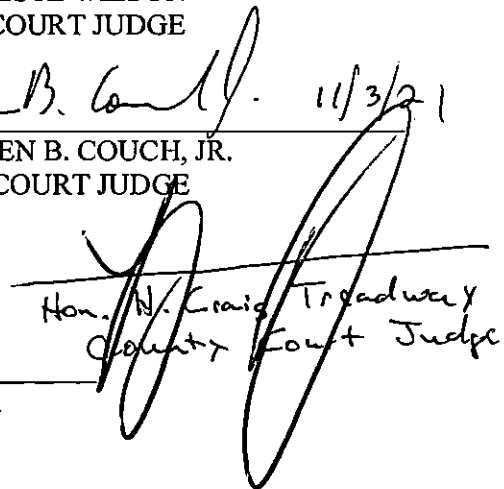
  
HON. SMITH MURPHY V 11-18-21  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

  
HON. CELESTE WILSON 11-3-2021  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

  
HON. ALLEN B. COUCH, JR. 11/3/21  
COUNTY COURT JUDGE

AGREED TO AND APPROVED BY:

  
DESOTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK  
DALE THOMPSON

  
Hon. N. Craig Treadway  
County Court Judge