

MEMORANDUM SUPPLEMENT 1

TO: ALL ATTORNEYS PRACTICING IN MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT

FROM: CHANCELLOR JANACE HARVEY-GOREE and CHANCELLOR CYNTHIA L. BREWER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

RE: ASSIGNMENT OF RELATED CASES

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In an effort to promote judicial economy, limit the opportunity for judge-shopping, and establish a uniform policy for handling related causes of action, the following policies described herein shall be followed by the Chancery Clerk of Madison County until further notice. These policies apply only to Madison County Chancery Court and in no way alters how cases are initially allocated in Holmes, Leake, or Yazoo Counties. These policies shall go into effect immediately and apply to any and all cases currently pending in the Chancery Court of Madison County.

**(1) Guardianships and Minor Settlements**

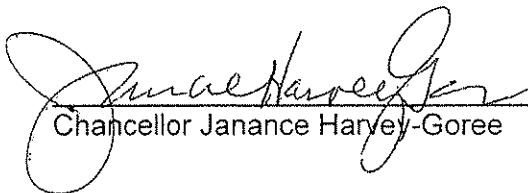
When a need arises to open guardianships and/or minor settlements for siblings, step-siblings, and/or half-siblings and the basis for such filings has arisen from the same causation, each case shall be assigned to the Chancellor to whom the first case is assigned. If any minor settlement arises out of a Madison County estate, the minor settlement(s) shall be assigned to the Chancellor to whom the estate matter is assigned. If the minor settlement is opened for the purpose of receiving an inheritance from two (2) or more Madison County estates, then the minor settlement action will remain with the Chancellor to whom it was assigned upon filing.

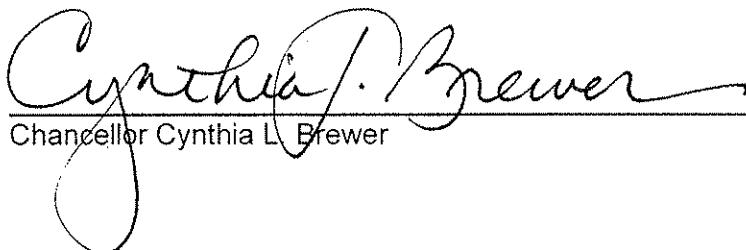
**(2) Reciprocal Causes of Action**

When one party initiates a cause of action against another party and the defendant from the first action later files a reciprocal cause of action against the plaintiff from the first action that arises from a set of facts related to the basis of the first cause of action, the two (2) actions shall be consolidated into the smaller cause number with that Chancellor regardless of to whom the later filed action was assigned.

**(3) Dismissed Causes of Action**

If a party initiates a cause of action which is voluntarily dismissed or dismissed on a Clerk's motion for want of prosecution and later re-files a new cause of action based upon the same or substantially similar causation as the previously dismissed filing, then the new cause of action shall be assigned to the Chancellor to whom the initial cause of action had been assigned.

  
Chancellor Janance Harvey-Goree

  
Chancellor Cynthia L. Brewer