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IN RE: EMERGENCY ORDER RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER-3

The Supreme Court and the Chief Justice, in his capacity as chief administrative officer of all courts in the state, find that consistent with the Constitution of this State, all local and state courts shall remain open. Section 24 of our State's Constitution could not be any clearer—"All courts shall be open . . . and justice shall be administered without sale, denial, or delay." Miss. Const. Art. 3, § 24.

However, due to the national and state emergencies caused by Coronavirus (COVID-19), certain steps and measures must be taken to protect the health and safety of the citizens of this State.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court in the Carroll Gartin Justice Building, 450 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, is and shall remain open for business during this national emergency.

2. For the safety of the general public and the employees of the Courts, access to the Carroll Gartin Justice Building will be granted through the Lower-Level-East entrance

off of George Street. The High Street entrance to the Carroll Gartin Justice Building will be temporarily closed;

3. Access to the State Law Library of Mississippi will be controlled by the State Law Librarian, Stephen Parks. Any person who desires access to the State Law Library shall make arrangements with Mr. Parks; and

4. Local courts shall remain open. The Court authorizes local courts to take steps and measures consistent with this Order.

SO ORDERED, this the 17 day of March, 2020.

MICHAEL K. RANDOLPH
CHIEF JUSTICE
FOR COURT