UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

In re: Administrative Orders of the U. S. District Court Case No. 3:40-mc-0011

SPECIAL ORDER # 4

On March 13, 2020, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi entered a Special Order addressing the Coronavirus pandemic. That order regulated Court activities through March 31, 2020. Unfortunately, the pandemic grew worse, so on March 31, 2020, the Court modified and extended the first Special Order by adopting Special Order # 2. That Order expires May 1, 2020.

Although cases of Covid-19 have decreased the last few days in Mississippi, there has not been a sustained decrease, which has led both state and local governments to continue various restrictions. Moreover, this district has not yet met the benchmarks set by the Covid-19 Judiciary Task Force for reopening courts. While the Court is not bound by those benchmarks or the state and local restrictions, it concludes that now is not the time to relax its own restrictions.

Accordingly, Special Order #2 is hereby extended until May 31, 2020. The conditions addressed in that Order remain in place without modification. This Order may be extended or modified based on majority vote of the Board of Judges.

**SO ORDERED,** this the 1st day of May, 2020.

DANIEL P. JORDAN III
CHIEF JUDGE