IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

January 3, 2025

RCT-COM-0009

In re: Supreme Court of Alabama's Task Force on Restyling the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure

ORDER

The Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure ("Alabama Rules") became effective in 1973 following a years-long effort of former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Howell T. Heflin and Justice Champ Lyons. These rules were a significant advancement for the efficiency and judicial economy of the courts of Alabama and mirror much of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("Federal Rules").

Given the passage of time and the many amendments of the Alabama Rules and the Federal Rules, a need has arisen to restyle those rules to ensure that the language and format used throughout them is consistent and clear.

As a result, the Standing Committee on the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure has recommended that a task force be created to restyle the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure with the goal of addressing those needs without making any changes to the substance or the meaning of those rules. A similar effort was previously undertaken with the Federal Rules and became effective in 2007.

This Court, having considered the Standing Committee's recommendation to create the Supreme Court of Alabama's Task Force on Restyling the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, and

This Court, having considered the recommendations regarding the membership of the Supreme Court of Alabama's Task Force on Restyling the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure,

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IT IS ORDERED that the recommendation to create the Supreme Court of Alabama's Task Force on Restyling the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure is APPROVED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all proposed changes will be provided to the Standing Committee for review and approval and then to the Supreme Court for final review and approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following individuals be appointed as members of this Task Force—

Sean Blum (Reporter)
Bruce McKee
Jeff Anderson
Bo Bledsoe
Mitchell Sikes

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following individual be designated as the Chairperson of this Task Force—

Bruce McKee

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these appointments are effective immediately.

Parker, C.J., and Shaw, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, Stewart, Mitchell, and Cook, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of January, 2025.

Megan B. Rhodebeck

Clerk of Court,
Supreme Court of Alabama

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