

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
CIVIL DIVISION, BIRMINGHAM
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2011-15**

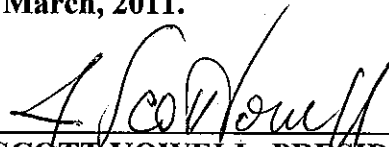
On January 1, 2010, the Circuit Courts and the District Courts of Jefferson County, Civil Division, Birmingham, went "paperless." Counsel and parties may still file pleadings by bringing or sending a paper copy to the Clerk's Office but that office no longer creates paper files. The Case Action Summary, the pleadings, motions and orders are now available through AlaFile and Alacourt. If a paper copy is needed, one may print it from the electronic file or the Clerk will print it for a nominal charge. The official court file is the electronic file only.

Funding for the trial courts is again at a crisis level. The Courts spent \$2,233,280.00 on postage in the past fiscal year. Our courts are saving money by eliminating paper files and can save more by sending all orders and judgments electronically, rather than by U. S. Mail.

Some lawyers who file pleadings in our Court have not registered for AlaFile and are therefore unable to receive electronic copies of Orders. If you have not registered for AlaFile, please register for this free service at <https://alafile.alacourt.gov/> or call 1-866-954-9411, Option 1, Option 4. If you need help registering, please call the Court, 205-325-5200, and we will have someone assist you. When you are registered all notices will be sent to you electronically.

It is **Ordered and Adjudged** that effective April 4, 2011, all lawyers filing pleadings in the Civil Divisions of the Circuit and District Courts of the Birmingham Division of Jefferson County shall register with Alafile. Orders, judgments and other court rulings will be sent from the Court by email. This order does not apply at this time to *pro se* litigants.

Done and ordered, this the 23rd day of March, 2011.



J. SCOTT VOWELL, PRESIDING JUDGE