

IN THE STATE COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY

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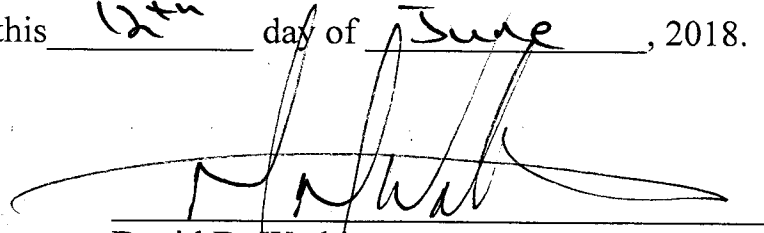
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**ORDER MADATING ELECTRONIC
FILING IN CIVIL CASES**

Pursuant to this Court's authority under O.C.G.A. § 15-7-5 to establish the effective date of the mandatory electronic filing provisions codified in O.C.G.A § 15-7-5, the State Court of Richmond County, hereby orders that on and after September 1, 2018, all pleadings and any other documents related thereto filed by a party, attorney or litigant to initiate a civil action or in a civil case in the State Court of Richmond County shall be filed by electronic means through the court's electronic filing service provider in accordance with the rules governing electronic filing under O.C.G.A. § 15-7-5.

The Court hereby recognizes that diligent efforts must be made by all concerned, including the Clerk of Court of Richmond County, to facilitate the transition from voluntary electronic filing to mandatory electronic filing in civil cases. The Clerk of Court of Richmond County will conduct various training sessions on electronic filing. All attorneys of the Augusta Judicial Circuit, and all other attorneys and *pro se* litigants, who may file pleadings or other documents in civil cases in the State court of Richmond County, are hereby strongly encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

SO ORDERED, this 12th day of June, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David D. Watkins", written over a horizontal line.

David D. Watkins
CHIEF JUDGE OF STATE COURT
AUGUSTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT