



## Madison County Election Commission

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February 3, 2016

Mr. Shelton Vance, Controller  
Madison County Board of Supervisors  
Post Office Box 608  
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During the February 2, 2016 regular board meeting, the Madison County Election Commission approved legal fees submitted by the attorneys listed below:

Spence Flatgard	
November 12, 2015- December 17, 2015 (57.0 hours@ \$175/hour)	\$9,975.00
MS Electronic Court Filing System (10/01/2014 -12/31/2015)	<u>15.80</u>
TOTAL	\$9,990.80

Wesley Evans	
January 10, 2016 – January 30, 2016 (16.5 hours@ \$150/hour)	\$2,475.00

Attached are supporting documents for both attorneys.

Sincerely,

Pallasene B. Cole, Chair  
Madison County Election Commission

Attachments

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**TO: Madison County Election Commission**  
**FROM: Spence Flatgard**  
**RE: Commission Attorney Monthly Bill  
December, 2015**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11-12-15	Research law on issues raised to prepare for certification and Commission meeting	1.6	\$280.00
11-12-15	November Election Commission Meeting	2.8	\$490.00
11-12-15	Post-election wrap up and de-brief of issues from meeting and canvassing from past week	1.5	\$262.50
11-13-15	Confer with Clerk Westbrook on assistance in getting paperwork from election to SoS office and state law on ballot examination in response to candidate's questions; research request for access to computer equipment in ballot examination	.8	\$140.00
11-13-15	Call SoS office re: special election for Commissioner & when Commissioner-elect takes office; research same	.8	\$140.00
11-16-15	Draft email responses to Mr. Banks' attorney's questions on ballot examinations & to Clerk Westbrook; additional research re: same; call with Commissioner Jackson-Adams re: training; Call new Commissioner Phillips to notify her that she can take office immediately; calls to other Commissioners re: same	2.2	\$385.00
11-17-15	Research law on taking office after special election pursuant to Commissioner Phillips' request and send her an email with documentation re: same	.8	\$140.00
11-17-15	Edits to special meeting minutes per Commission's direction	3	\$52.50
11-17-15	Attend poll worker training session & review Materials for paper ballots	.4	\$70.00

11-19-15	Draft response to State Senator letter re: Gluckstadt and Lake Caroline precincts	.3	\$52.50
11-25-15	Election night canvassing of ballots in runoff election for County Court Judge	5.2	\$910.00
11-20-15	Prepare for runoff election with paper ballot issues	.4	\$70.00
11-30-15	Call with Secretary of State's office and research issue of when time period ends for when a voter may bring ID to courthouse for vote to count given 2 day Thanksgiving break - to determine certification date for runoff; call with Commission Chair re: same	.4	\$70.00
12-1-15	Read Petition filed against Commission; research claims and defenses and cases cited in Petition	3.0	\$525.00
12-1-15	Email Commissioner Phillips re: certification and offer to run report to her for her signature	.1	\$17.50
12-1-15	Further research on claims against Commission in Petition for Election Contest, Writ of Mandamus, Declaratory Judgment and Re-Count	3.5	\$612.50
12-2-15	Calls with Election Commissioners to discuss claims against them and Response to include requesting their dismissal from the litigation; piece together responses for strategy to respond	2.0	\$350.00
12-3-15	Read other filings in litigation from other parties and read Supreme Court cases they cite	2.5	\$437.50
12-3-15	Draft Response to Petition	4.9	\$857.50
12-3-15	Notified of first conference call with Judge; File Response to have all parties ready to go forward on expedited basis	.4	\$70.00
12-4-15	Prepare for and participate in conference call with Court; respond to emails from Commissioners; work on Agreed Order with counsel in litigation	3.0	\$525.00
12-4-15	Review law on email chain with SoS office pertaining to appointment of County Judge and special election	.7	\$122.50

12-7-15	Draft minutes from November meeting and review notes from meeting for issues to address at next meeting	1.8	\$315.00
12-7-15	Review Agreed Order for hearing	.1	\$17.50
12-7-15	Communicate with Election Commissioners re: minutes, past votes on policies on affidavit ballots, etc.	.7	\$122.50
12-8-15	Prepare issues for discussion at Commission meeting including judicial special election; election in South Madison County Fire District; edit minutes; Prepare explanation of election contest to Commission	1.5	\$262.50
12-9-15	December Commission Meeting & follow up	3.0	\$525.00
12-11-15	Draft December Commission Minutes and related tasks assigned from meeting	1.8	\$315.00
12-14-15	Research AG Opinions and Ethics Opinions on best way to handle counsel situation for Election Commission during an active case with immediate hearing scheduled where I am counsel of record but new counsel has not been interviewed, appointed or approved	3.5	\$612.50
12-15-15	Draft Joint Motion for Continuance and related phone calls	3.5	\$612.50
12-16-15	Emails with Mike Espy explaining motion & status of case	.2	\$35.00
12-16-15	Review Mike Espy's legal memo on Election Commission Counsel situation as replacement had not been approved	.5	\$87.50
12-17-15	Prepare for Conference Call with the Judge	1.2	\$210.00
12-17-15	Conference Call with Judge	.6	\$105.00
12-17-15	Follow through from call with Judge including notifying the Commissioners of case status	.8	\$140.00



12-14-15	Notify Secretary of State's office re: special election in South Madison Fire District and County Judge race	.2	\$35.00
Legal Fees	\$175.00/hour	57.0 hours	\$9,975.00
MS Electronic Court Filing System (To review and participate in filings in litigation against County)			\$15.80
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$9,990.80</b>

*JP Cole*  
2/2/2016

## Spence Flatgard

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**From:** pamec@mec.ms.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, January 01, 2016 1:02 AM  
**To:** sflatgard@flatgardlaw.com  
**Cc:** Spence Flatgard  
**Subject:** Mississippi Electronic Courts Quarterly Usage Invoice

The Fourth MEC quarterly usage fee for Spencer Flatgard (sf99381M) is now due.

Amount Due: \$15.80 (Please be advised that ALL online payments incur a small 3rd party processing fee)  
Billing Period: 10/01/2014 - 12/31/2015  
Due Date: 01/15/2016

To make payment by credit card or view transaction details for this statement, please visit the MEC web site, <https://www.pamecapps.mec.ms.gov/onlinereg/login.jsp>, login, and select the View Invoices option.

To make payment by physical check, please mail or hand-deliver a check for \$15.80 payable to:

**Electronic Case Management Fund :**

Mississippi Supreme Court  
Finance Department  
450 High Street  
Jackson, MS 39201

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When paying by check, please reference Spencer Flatgard (sf99381M) with your payment.

Failure to make timely payment will place your account in delinquent status, which will prevent you from being able to view documents, execute queries, or run reports in MEC.

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