

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA  
February 26, 2020

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 45, Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, "Commercial Mail Carriers," be adopted to read in accordance with Appendix A to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Committee Comments to Rule 45, Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, be adopted to read in accordance with Appendix B to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the adoption of Rule 45 and the Committee Comments thereto are effective immediately; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Rule 45:

"Note from the reporter of decisions: The order adopting Rule 45 and the Committee Comments thereto, effective February 26, 2020, is published in that volume of Alabama Reporter that contains Alabama cases from \_\_\_ So. 3d."

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

**Witness my hand this 26th day of February, 2020.**



**Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama**

**FILED**  
**February 26, 2020**  
**11:11 am**  
**Clerk**  
**Supreme Court of Alabama**

APPENDIX A

RULE 45. Commercial Mail Carriers

A. When the law requires or allows the circuit clerk to send any document by United States mail, including first-class, certified, or other type of delivery options, the circuit clerk is permitted to send the document by a third-party commercial carrier, provided that the carrier has been previously approved by the Administrative Director of Courts.

B. The Administrative Director of Courts may permit the electronic-filing system to provide users with the services of previously approved third-party commercial carriers in addition to those offered by the United States Postal Service.

APPENDIX B

Committee Comments to Rule 45  
Effective February 26, 2020

Rule 45 allows the circuit clerks to send documents using the services of third-party commercial carriers that have been approved by the Administrative Director of Courts. The Administrative Office of Courts will maintain and publish a list of approved third-party commercial carriers, which will be updated periodically as third-party commercial carriers are approved or their approval withdrawn by the Administrative Director of Courts.