

**EXHIBIT A**

**TO JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE**

## JOINT INTERIM AGREEMENT

In consideration of Plaintiffs' agreement to stay all deadlines for sixty days, including specifically the Defendants' time to answer the Complaint and pending motions for preliminary judgment and class certification in Case No. 1:17CV204 for sixty (60) days from the date of the Federal District Court's order to continue these proceedings ("extension period"), Defendants City of Corinth and Judge John C. Ross agree to the terms of this Joint Interim Agreement ("Agreement") for the duration of the extension period as detailed herein:

1. Defendants will release all persons currently in the Alcorn County Correctional Facility who are incarcerated for a failure to pay fines, fees, costs, assessments, or restitution (collectively "court debt") ordered by the Corinth Municipal Court within forty-eight (48) hours of executing this Agreement.

2. Defendants will not incarcerate any individuals for failure to pay any court debt assessed in the Corinth Municipal Court.

3. Defendants will allow any individual who cannot immediately pay court debt assessed in a criminal case in the Corinth Municipal Court to choose from among the following repayment methods:

- a. participate in a payment plan with the Municipal Court, in which individuals make payments of no more than \$25 per month without any additional fees, assessments, or costs for participating in a payment plan;
- b. perform community service to satisfy court debts at a rate equivalent to the current Federal Minimum Wage as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor; or

- c. pay the outstanding court debt within ninety (90) days or return to the Corinth Municipal Court.

Nothing in this agreement is intended to prevent any defendant from making additional voluntary payments. The Court will not suggest or compel additional payments.

4. Defendants will release all persons currently held in the Alcorn County Correctional Facility who are charged with misdemeanors and being held due to an inability to pay secured money bail on their own recognizance within forty-eight (48) hours of executing this Agreement, subject only to the mandatory conditions set forth in Mississippi Rule of Criminal Procedure 8.4(a).

5. For all misdemeanor arrestees arrested during the extension period, Defendants will release them on their own recognizance subject only to the mandatory conditions set forth in Mississippi Rule of Criminal Procedure 8.4(a).

6. Defendants will suspend all outstanding warrants issued by the Corinth Municipal Court and will not arrest any person subject to one of these suspended warrants.

Plaintiffs and Defendants agree that the Federal District Court shall have the authority to enforce this Agreement during the extension period.

Dated December 21, 2017.

FOR PLAINTIFFS:

Respectfully submitted,

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