



Agenda

MISSISSIPPI TRIAL & APPELLATE JUDGES FALL CONFERENCE

Jackson Marriott - Jackson, Mississippi
October 22-24, 2014

Wednesday, October 22nd

10:00 a.m. MJC Board of Governors Fall Meeting Warwick

1:00-2:00 p.m. Registration Mezzanine

2:00-2:15 p.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Mike Wright
Program Manager
Mississippi Judicial College

General Sessions:

2:15-3:15 p.m. **THE COURT REPORTER AND MAKING THE RECORD** (1.00 CJE)
An accurate record is the most important component of the legal case, as it is the only written record of the case from beginning to end. It is crucial that the trial transcript reflects exactly what transpired during the court proceedings, which is essential for appellate review.

Kathy Zebert, RPR, BS, ADR
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Athens, Georgia

3:15-3:30 p.m. Break

3:30-5:00 p.m. **DEALING WITH THE NEWS MEDIA:
RIGHT, WRONG & OTHERWISE** (1.75 CJE)

This hilarious and highly interactive session will have you thinking hard about your interactions with the media. How does communication with the press impact the law? Judges are sure to take home at least one new piece of advice as we address such topics as how reporters and editors think, how to deal more effectively with them, the legal ethics involved in communicating with the press, the consequences of press communication on government investigations, and much more. This presentation comes highly recommended and has been presented at the National Judicial College.

Don Tomlinson
Attorney at Law
Texas City, Texas

Hon. Steve Smith
Presiding Judge
361st District Court
Bryan, Texas

Thursday, October 23rd

7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast Mezzanine

8:30-9:30 a.m. **CHANCERY JUDGES** Surrey I & II
Best Practices for Hearing DHS Child Support Cases (1.00 CJE)

Hon. Randy Pierce
Associate Justice - Mississippi Supreme Court
Jackson, Mississippi

Martha Benjamin
Director, Program Operations
Division of Field Operations - MDHS
Jackson, Mississippi

David Love
Senior Regional Attorney - MDHS
Meridian, Mississippi

Garrig Shields
Counsel to the Executive Director - MDHS
Jackson, Mississippi

9:30-10:30 a.m. **Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)** (1.00 CJE)

Marcus Robinson
ICPC Specialist - MDHS
Jackson, Mississippi

Earl Scales
Special Assistant Attorney General
Jackson, Mississippi

8:30-10:30 a.m. **CIRCUIT JUDGES** Winston I & II
Sentencing Calculations (2.00 CJE)

Commissioner Christopher B. Epps & Staff
Mississippi Department of Corrections
Jackson, Mississippi

8:30-10:30 a.m. **COUNTY JUDGES** Manchester
2014 Changes to the DUI Law (2.00 CJE)

Hon. Samac Richardson
Retired Circuit Court Judge
State Judicial Outreach Liaison
Brandon, Mississippi

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

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10:45-11:45 a.m. **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSIONS** (1.00 CJE)

- *Administrative Law*.....Newbury
- *Appellate*.....Canterbury
- *Chancery*.....Surry I & II
- *Circuit*.....Winston I & II
- *County*.....Manchester
- *Senior Status*.....Warwick

12:00-1:15 p.m. **CONFERENCE OF JUDGES LUNCHEON** Windsor I

1:30-3:30 p.m.	APPELLATE, CIRCUIT, & COUNTY JUDGES Discussion of Mississippi House Bill 585 <i>Sponsored by The PEW Center on the States</i> Hon. David Austin Tapp <i>28th Circuit Court Judge</i> <i>Kentucky Court of Justice</i> Hon. Roger K. Warren <i>President Emeritus</i> <i>National Center for State Courts</i> <i>Williamsburg, Virginia</i>	Churchill I & II (2.00 CJE)
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1:30-2:20 p.m.	CHANCERY JUDGES Court Interpreters: Questions in Chancery Court Proceedings Ta'Shia Gordon <i>Deputy Director - Mississippi AOC</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	Surry I & II (1.00 CJE)
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Wills & Estates: A General Overview Adjunct Professor Barry K. Jones <i>Mississippi College School of Law</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	(1.00 CJE)

3:30-3:45 p.m. Break

3:45-4:45 p.m. General Session:
JUDICIAL ETHICS (1.00 CJE-Ethics)

Professor Don Campbell
Mississippi College School of Law
Jackson, Mississippi

Friday, October 24th

7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast Windsor I

8:30-11:20 a.m. **FALL STUDY COMMITTEE MEETINGS** (3.25 CJE)

8:30-9:20 a.m.	CHANCERY COURT ISSUES Bastardizing Children in Divorce Proceedings <i>Hon. Jon Barnwell</i> <i>Seventh Chancery Court District Judge</i> <i>Greenwood, Mississippi</i>	Churchill I & II
9:30-10:20 a.m.	End of Life Decisions: Chancery Court Considerations <i>Richard A. Courtney</i> <i>Frascogna Courtney PLLC</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Mississippi Appeals: Peeling the Onion from the Inside <i>Hon. Kenneth Griffis</i> <i>Presiding Judge</i> <i>Mississippi Court of Appeals</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	

8:30-9:20 a.m.	CIRCUIT COURT ISSUES Competency Examinations & Department of Mental Health: Best Practices <i>Philip Gaines</i> <i>Robert Maddux, MD & Reb McMichael, MD</i> <i>Mississippi State Hospital</i> <i>Whitfield, Mississippi</i>	Winston I & II
9:30-10:20 a.m.	What Works in our District & What Doesn't: How Different Districts Conduct Court Proceedings <i>Hon. Charles Webster, Moderator</i> <i>Eleventh Circuit Court District Judge</i> <i>Clarksdale, Mississippi</i>	
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Mississippi Tort Claims Act: Strict Compliance v. Substantial Compliance <i>Trace McRaney</i> <i>Dukes, Dukes, Keating & Faneca, P.A.</i> <i>Gulfport, Mississippi</i>	

	COUNTY COURT ISSUES	Surrey I & II
8:30-9:20 a.m.	Contempt of Court for Failure to Pay Court Fines <i>Hon. George C. Carlson, Jr., Moderator</i> <i>Retired Justice</i> <i>Mississippi Supreme Court</i> <i>Batesville, Mississippi</i>	
9:30-10:20 a.m.	Construction Liens & Mechanics Liens <i>Samuel C. "Sam" Kelly</i> <i>Brunini Grantham Grower & Hewes</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Ingress & Egress in Eminent Domain Proceedings: Miss. Const. § 110 <i>James L. Halford</i> <i>Brunini Grantham Grower & Hewes</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	

11:30 a.m. Conclusion of Fall Conference