



**2015 MISSISSIPPI
NEW JUSTICE COURT JUDGES ORIENTATION**
Jackson Marriott ~ Jackson, Mississippi
December 7-11 (Week I) and December 14-18 (Week II), 2015

Orientation Agenda

Sunday, December 6th

	Hotel Check-in	
4:00–5:00 p.m.	Early Registration	<i>Marriott Mezzanine Lobby</i>

Monday, December 7th

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	<i>Windsor II Ballroom</i>
8:00–8:30 a.m.	Registration, continued	<i>Marriott Mezzanine Lobby</i>
8:30–8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Mike Wright</i> <i>MJC Program Manager</i> <i>Ramey Smith</i> <i>MJC Program Coordinator</i>	<i>Windsor I Ballroom</i>
8:45-9:15 a.m.	Introduction to the Mississippi Judicial College (.60) <i>Carole Murphey</i> <i>MJC Staff Attorney</i>	
9:15–10:15 a.m.	Introduction to the Mississippi Court System (1.20) <i>(Manual for Mississippi Court Administrators, Chapter 1)</i> <i>Hon. James L. Roberts, Jr.</i> <i>Circuit Court Judge</i> <i>Pontotoc, Mississippi</i>	
10:15–10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30-10:45 a.m.	The Mississippi Justice Court Judges Association (.30) <i>MJCJA Board Members</i>	
10:45-12:00 noon	Role of the Justice Court Judge in the Mississippi Court System (1.50) <i>(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 2)</i> <i>Hon. James L. Roberts, Jr.</i>	

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12:00–1:00 p.m.	Lunch	<i>Windsor II Ballroom</i>
1:00–1:30 p.m.	Shuttle to Carroll Gartin Justice Building Leaves from Marriott Motor Entrance	
1:30-1:45 p.m.	The Duties and Responsibilities of Being a Judge (.30) <i>Hon. William Waller, Jr.</i> <i>Chief Justice</i> <i>Mississippi Supreme Court</i>	
1:45-2:45 p.m.	The Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance (1.20) <i>Darlene Ballard</i> <i>Executive Director</i> <i>Bonnie Menapace</i> <i>Senior Staff Attorney</i> <i>Meagan Brittain</i> <i>Staff Attorney</i> <i>William Stokes</i> <i>Chief Investigator</i>	
2:45-3:30 p.m.	Professionalism & Judicial Ethics (.90) <i>Hon. James Kitchens</i> <i>Associate Justice</i> <i>Mississippi Supreme Court</i>	
3:30-4:00 p.m.	The Courts and Media Issues (.60) <i>Beverly Kraft</i> <i>Public Information Officer</i> <i>Mississippi Supreme Court</i>	
4:00 p.m.	Group Photo	
4:30-5:00 p.m.	Shuttle to the Jackson Marriott	

Tuesday, December 8th

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	<i>Windsor II Ballroom</i>
8:00–10:30 a.m.	Fundamentals of Holding Court and Courtroom Decorum (3.00) <i>Hon. Cynthia Brewer</i> <i>Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>Canton, Mississippi</i>	
10:30–10:45 a.m.	Break	

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- 10:45–12:00 noon **The Role of the Justice Court Clerk (1.50)**
(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 3)
Darlene Jones
President, Mississippi Justice Court Clerks Association
Lauderdale County Justice Court Clerk
- Susan McCarty***
Madison County Justice Court Clerk
- Brenda Mullen***
Grenada County Justice Court Clerk
- Patricia Woods***
Hinds County Justice Court Clerk
- 12:00–1:00 p.m. Lunch *Windsor II Ballroom*
- 1:00–2:50 p.m. **CIVIL ACTIONS (2.20)**
(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 4)
Hon. Ron Cooke
Lowndes County Justice Court Judge
Columbus, Mississippi
- Hon. Tomika Harris-Irving***
Jefferson County Justice Court Judge
Fayette, Mississippi
- Hon. Scottie Harrison***
Pontotoc County Justice Court Judge
Pontotoc, Mississippi
- Hon. Vicki Bass Ramsey***
Copiah County Justice Court Judge
Hazelhurst, Mississippi
- 2:50–3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00–5:10 p.m. **Enforcement of Civil Judgments (2.60)**
(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 5)
Hon. Ron Cooke
- Hon. Tomika Harris-Irving***
- Hon. Scottie Harrison***
- Hon. Vicki Bass Ramsey***

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Wednesday, December 9th

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	<i>Windsor II Ballroom</i>
8:00-9:50 a.m.	Introduction to the Code of Judicial Conduct (2.20) <i>Darlene Ballard</i> <i>Bonnie Menapace</i> <i>MS Commission on Judicial Performance</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
9:50-10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00-12:00 noon	Mississippi Rules of Evidence (2.40) <i>(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 28)</i> <i>Hon. Kent McDaniel</i> <i>Rankin County Court Judge</i> <i>Brandon, Mississippi</i>	
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch	<i>Windsor II Ballroom</i>
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Use of Interpreters in the Courtroom (1.20) <i>(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 29)</i> <i>Ta'Shia Gordon</i> <i>Deputy Director</i> <i>Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Break	
2:15-5:15 p.m.	Legal Terminology & Review Session (3.60) <i>Bill Charlton</i> <i>MJC Staff Attorney</i>	

Thursday, December 10th

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	<i>Windsor II Ballroom</i>
8:00-12:00 noon	Protection from Domestic Abuse; Domestic Violence, Assault & Disturbances (4.80) <i>(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapters 7 & 21)</i> <i>Paula Broome</i> <i>Special Assistant Attorney General</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch	<i>Windsor II Ballroom</i>

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- 1:00–2:45 p.m. **Landlord and Tenant (2.10)**
(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 6)
Hon. Deborah Gambrell Chambers
Chancery Court Judge
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- 2:45–3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00–4:00 p.m. **Replevin (1.20)**
(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 8)
Hon. Deborah Gambrell Chambers
- 4:00–4:10 p.m. Break
- 4:10–5:30 p.m. **Review Session (1.60)**
Bill Charlton
MJC Staff Attorney

Friday, December 11th

- 7:00–8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast *Windsor II Ballroom*
- 8:00–10:50 a.m. **DUI Mock Trial (3.40)**
- 10:50–11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:00–11:50 a.m. **Review Session (1.00)**
Bill Charlton
MJC Staff Attorney

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Monday, December 14th

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	<i>Windsor II Ballroom</i>
8:00-8:50 a.m.	Access to Justice and the Self-Represented (<i>Pro Se</i>) Litigant (1.00) <i>(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 30)</i> Tiffany Graves <i>Mississippi Access to Justice Commission</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
8:50-9:00 a.m.	Break	
9:00-9:50 a.m.	Bail Bonds (1.00) <i>(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 13)</i> Hon. Larry Roberts <i>Mississippi Court of Appeals (Retired)</i> <i>Meridian, Mississippi</i>	
9:50-10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00-12:00 noon	Criminal Cases (2.40) <i>(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 14)</i> Hon. Gay Polk-Payton <i>Forrest County Justice Court Judge</i> <i>Hattiesburg, Mississippi</i> Hon. Marsha Weems Stacey <i>Madison County Justice Court Judge</i> <i>Canton, Mississippi</i> Hon. Mike Wilson <i>Panola County Justice Court Judge</i> <i>Batesville, Mississippi</i>	
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch	<i>Windsor II Ballroom</i>
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Criminal Cases, Continued (2.40) <i>(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 14)</i> Hon. Gay Polk-Payton Hon. Marsha Weems Stacey Hon. Mike Wilson	
3:00-3:15 p.m.	Break	

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3:15-5:30 p.m. **Review Session (2.70)**
Bill Charlton
MJC Staff Attorney

Tuesday, December 15th
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7:30-8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast *Windsor II Ballroom*

8:00-9:50 p.m. **Search and Seizure (2.20)**
(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 10-11)
Professor Jack Nowlin
University of Mississippi School of Law
University, Mississippi

9:50-10:00 a.m. Break

10:00-12:00 noon **Sentencing (2.40)**
(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 15)
Hon. John Shirley
Rankin County Justice Court Judge
Brandon, Mississippi

12:00–1:00 p.m. Lunch *Windsor II Ballroom*

1:00–2:30 p.m. **Enforcing Criminal Judgments (1.80)**
(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 16)
Hon. John Shirley

2:30-2:45 p.m. Break

2:45-3:45 p.m. *Video Presentation from 2015 Justice Court Judges Fall Conference*
Best Practices Guide: Due Process Requirements
In Probation Revocations (1.20)
Harold Pizzetta
Office of the Attorney General
Jackson, Mississippi

3:45-4:00 p.m. Break

4:00-6:00 p.m. **Review Session (2.40)**
Bill Charlton
MJC Staff Attorney

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Wednesday, December 16th

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| 7:00-8:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast | <i>Windsor II Ballroom</i> |
| 8:00-10:20 a.m. | Driving Under the Influence (2.80)
<i>(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 17)</i>
Molly Miller
<i>Office of the Mississippi Attorney General
Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
Jackson, Mississippi</i>

Hon. Samac Richardson
<i>Senior Status Circuit Court Judge
Former Court Liaison
Brandon, Mississippi</i> | |
| 10:20-10:30 a.m. | Break | |
| 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Introduction to Implied Consent and the Intoxilyzer 8000 (1.20)
Maury Phillips
<i>Section Chief
Mississippi Crime Laboratory
Jackson, Mississippi</i> | |
| 11:30-12:00 noon | Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program (.60)
Billy Brister
<i>Operations Coordinator
Mississippi State University</i>

Chuck Dawkins
<i>Alcohol Field Staff Specialist
Mississippi State University</i>

Blythe McCance
<i>Alcohol Field Staff Specialist
Mississippi State University</i> | |
| 12:00-1:00 p.m. | <i>Working Lunch</i>
Mississippi Lawyer & Judges Assistance Program (1.20)
Chip Glaze
<i>Director
The Mississippi Bar
Jackson, Mississippi</i> | <i>Windsor II Ballroom</i> |
| 1:50-2:00 p.m. | Break | |

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1:00–1:50 p.m. **MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks (1.00)**

Drew Malone

Special Assistant Attorney General

Jackson, Mississippi

1:50-2:00 p.m. Break

2:00–3:20 p.m.

Traffic Offenses (1.60)

(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapters 18-20)

Hon. Wes Curry

Forrest County Justice Court Judge

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Hon. Dianne Ladner

Harrison County Justice Court Judge

Gulfport, Mississippi

Hon. Don Palmer

Hinds County Justice Court Judge

Jackson, Mississippi

3:20–3:30 p.m. Break

3:30–4:20 p.m.

Other Misdemeanor Offenses (1.00)

(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapters 22-25)

Hon. Wes Curry

Hon. Dianne Ladner

Hon. Don Palmer

4:20-4:30 p.m. Break

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Review Session (1.80)

Bill Charlton

MJC Staff Attorney

Thursday, December 17th

7:00-8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

Windsor II Ballroom

8:00–9:50 a.m.

Confessions (2.20)

(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 12)

Hon. Ed Woods, Jr.

Warren County Justice Court Judge

Vicksburg, Mississippi

9:50–10:00 a.m. Break

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- 10:00-11:20 a.m. **Contempt of Court (1.60)**
(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 27)
Bonnie Menapace
Senior Staff Attorney
Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance

Hon. Ed Woods, Jr.
- 11:20-11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:30-12:00 noon **Justice Court Appeals (.60)**
(Manual for Mississippi Justice Courts, Chapter 31)
Hon. Ed Woods, Jr.
- 12:00–1:00 p.m. *Working Lunch* *Windsor II Ballroom*
Lawyer Conduct (1.20)
Adam Kilgore
General Counsel
The Mississippi Bar
Jackson, Mississippi
- 1:00–5:00 p.m. **Review Session (4.80)**
Bill Charlton
MJC Staff Attorney

Friday, December 18th

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- MINIMUM COMPETENCY EXAMINATION**
- 8:00 a.m. Examination Room Opens *Windsor I Ballroom*
- 8:10-8:15 a.m. Examination Instructions
- 8:15-10:15 a.m. **Examination, Part I**
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30-12:30 a.m. **Examination, Part II**
- 12:30-1:30 p.m Lunch *Windsor II Ballroom*
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. **Examination, Part III**

Conclusion of Orientation Week II