



# Mississippi Youth Court Judges & Referees Seminar

*Inn at Ole Miss - University, Mississippi  
September 21-23, 2016*

## *Seminar Agenda*

### Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

3:00-6:00 p.m.      Early Registration      Ballroom Lobby

### Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00-8:00 a.m.      Breakfast Buffet      McCormick Café

7:30-8:00 a.m.      Registration, Continued      Ballroom Lobby

8:00 a.m.      Welcome & Opening Remarks      Ballroom C-D  
*Mike Wright*  
*MJC Program Manager*

*Hon. Randy Pierce*  
*MJC Director*

8:10-9:10 a.m.      **Keynote Address (1.00)**  
*Hon. John J. Specia, Jr.*  
*Former Jurist in Residence,*  
*Texas Supreme Court Children's Commission*  
*Commissioner Texas Dept. of Family and Protective Services, Retired*  
*San Antonio, Texas*

9:10-9:20 a.m.      Break

9:20-10:10 a.m.      **Future Training Efforts and Importance of Time Frames (1.00)**  
*Hon. Dawn Beam*  
*Associate Justice*  
*Mississippi Supreme Court*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

10:10-10:20 a.m.      Break

10:20-11:10 a.m.      **How to Detect Child Abuse (1.00)**  
*Dr. Scott Benton, MD, FAAP*  
*Professor of Pediatrics*  
*Chief, Division of Forensic Medicine*  
*Medical Director, Children's Safe Center*  
*University of Mississippi Medical Center*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

11:10-11:20 a.m.      Break

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- 11:20-12:10 p.m.      **Legislative Update (1.00)**  
*Hon. Dennis DeBar, Jr.*  
*Mississippi State Senate - District 43*  
*Leakesville, Mississippi*  
  
*Hon. Doug McLeod*  
*Mississippi House of Representatives - District 107*  
*Lucedale, Mississippi*
- 12:15 p.m.              Business Meeting Lunch                      Ballroom A-B  
*Lunch Sponsored by Palmer Home for Children*
- 1:00-1:50 p.m.        **Termination of Parental Rights (1.00)**                      Ballroom C-D  
*Prof. David Calder*  
*University of Mississippi School of Law*  
*University, Mississippi*  
  
*Bill Charlton*  
*MJC Staff Attorney*
- 1:50-2:00 p.m.        Break  
*Afternoon Break Sponsored by French Camp Academy*
- 2:00-2:50 p.m.        **MS Juvenile Detention Facilities Licensing Act (SB 2364) (1.00)**  
Panelists:  
*Jim Maccarone*  
*Director, Division of Youth Services*  
*Mississippi Department of Human Services*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
- 2:50-3:00 p.m.        Break
- 3:00-3:50 p.m.        **Parental Representation Standards (1.00)**  
*André de Gruy*  
*Office of the State Public Defender*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
- 3:50-4:00 p.m.        Break
- 4:00-5:00 p.m.        **Ethical Considerations for the Youth Court Judges & Referees (1.00)**  
*Hon. John Shirley*  
*Youth Court Judge*  
*Pearl, Mississippi*

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**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet McCormick Café
- 8:00-8:30 a.m. **MYCIDS (.50)**  
**Rex Mohon**  
*Senior Business Systems Analyst  
Mississippi Supreme Court  
Jackson, Mississippi*  
**Janice Braxton**  
*Trainer/Business Systems Analyst*
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. **Supreme Court Update (.50)**  
**Hon. John Hudson**  
*Mississippi Jurist in Residence  
Natchez, Mississippi*
- 9:00-9:30 a.m. **Training the Child Welfare Professional for Court (.50)**  
**Dr. Daphne Cain, Chair**  
*University of Mississippi Department of Social Work  
University, Mississippi*  
**Patricia Digby**  
*Assistant Director of Training  
Child Welfare Training Academy*  
**Melody Hamilton**  
*Program Director  
Child Welfare Training Academy*
- 9:30-9:45 a.m. Break
- 9:45-10:45 a.m. Round Table Discussion:  
**Hypothetical Youth Court Situations (1.00)**  
**Dr. David Chandler**  
*Commissioner  
Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services  
Jackson, Mississippi*  
**Toni Kersh**  
*Bureau Director  
Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement  
Mississippi Department of Education  
Jackson, Mississippi*  
**Sandra Parks**  
*Director, Division of Children & Youth Services  
Mississippi Department of Mental Health  
Jackson, Mississippi*

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- 10:45-11:00 a.m.      Break
- 11:00-12:15 p.m.      Youth Court Forum:  
**Practical Issues & Case Law Discussions (1.50)**  
Panelists:
- Hon. Joey Cobb***  
*Tishomingo County Youth Court Referee*  
*Iuka, Mississippi*
- Hon. William Sanders***  
*Tallahatchie County Youth Court Referee*  
*Charleston, Mississippi*
- Hon. Celeste Wilson***  
*DeSoto County Court Judge*  
*Hernando, Mississippi*
- 12:15 p.m.              Evaluation and Closing Remarks
- Conclusion of Seminar

