



Agenda

Mississippi Justice Court Judges Spring Conference

Silver Star Convention Center - Choctaw, MS

April 2-5, 2013

Monday, April 1st

2:00-5:00 p.m. MJCJA Board Meeting *Silver Star Conference Center
Executive Board Room*

Tuesday, April 2nd

Professional Judicial Development

Practical Bench Skills *(Sessions from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. are optional and require a registration fee.)*

1:00-2:00 p.m. PJD Registration *Silver Star Conference Center Lobby*

2:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions *Silver Star Conference Center
Meeting Rooms*

2:15-5:15 p.m. **PROFESSIONALISM IN THE WORKPLACE:
WHAT IS A LEADER? (3.00)**
*The legal training judges receive prepares them to interpret laws and decide cases.
Judge must resolve critical issues that may impact the court's overall effectiveness. The
dynamic between elected and appointed positions adds yet another dimension to the
leadership dilemma. Leadership is key for the court to function at its optimum level.*
Dianne Dyar
*Dyar Communication Strategy
Madison, Mississippi*

Wednesday, April 3rd

Professional Judicial Development

Practical Bench Skills *(Sessions from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. are optional and require a registration fee.)*

7:00-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast *Silver Star Ballroom*

8:30-11:30 a.m. **IMPAIRMENTS OF BRAIN and BEHAVIOR**
*Chronic or heavy drinking and use of drugs can seriously effect the functioning of the
nervous system and brain. These effects include changes in emotions and personality as
well as impaired perception, learning, and memory. The following sessions will allow
judges the opportunity to understand what drugs are on the streets and their impairment
effects.*

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- 8:30-9:50 a.m. **NARCOTICS UPDATE: WHAT'S ON THE STREETS** (1.50)
Speaker TBA
Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics
- 9:50-10:10 a.m. Break
- 10:10-11:30 a.m. **ALCOHOL AND DRUG IMPAIRMENT** (1.50)
Speaker TBA
Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Served to PJD Participants *Silver Star Ballroom*

Spring Conference Continuing Judicial Education

(Sessions Wednesday afternoon, all day on Thursday, and Friday morning are required.)

- 1:00-1:30 p.m. Spring Conference Registration *Silver Star Convention Center Lobby*
- 1:30 p.m. **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS** *Silver Star Ballroom*
Hon. Earnest Cunningham
President - MJCJA
Marshall County Justice Court Judge

Hon. Cynthia D. Davis
Director, Mississippi Judicial College

Mike Wright
Program Manager, Mississippi Judicial College
- 2:00-2:45 p.m. **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION UPDATE** (.75)
James Dale
Special Assistant Attorney General
Jackson, Mississippi
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. **DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT UPDATE** (1.00)
Heather Wagner
Special Assistant Attorney General
Domestic Violence Division
Jackson, Mississippi
- 4:00-4:15 p.m. Break

4:15-5:15 p.m. **CURRENT ISSUES WITH FIREARM REGULATIONS** (1.00)
Timothy Smith
Mississippi Department of Public Safety
Jackson, Mississippi

Thursday, April 4th

7:00-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast *Silver Star Ballroom*

8:30-9:45 a.m. Panel Discussion: *Silver Star Ballroom*

**PERSPECTIVES OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
IN JUSTICE COURT** (1.25)

Merrida (Buddy) Coxwell
Coxwell & Associates, PLLC
Jackson, Mississippi

Latrice Westbrooks
Attorney at Law, PLLC
Jackson, Mississippi

J. Stephen Wright
Attorney at Law
Ackerman, Mississippi

9:45-10:00 a.m. Break

10:00-10:45 a.m. **MOCK TRIAL: A CIVIL CASE** (.75)

10:45-11:45 a.m. Panel Discussion:
LEVY OF REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY (1.00)

12:00 noon MJCJA Business Meeting Luncheon *Meeting Rooms 1-5*

1:15-3:15 p.m. **CRASH COURSE IN COMMERCIAL MOTOR** *Silver Star Ballroom*
VEHICLE LICENSING, VIOLATIONS, & ENFORCEMENT (1.75)

Molly Miller
Special Assistant Attorney General
Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor
Jackson, Mississippi

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

3:30-5:30 p.m. **STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING (SFST) & DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) UPDATES** (1.75)

Tammy Moore

Director, Mississippi Law Enforcement Liaison Office

SFST/DRE State Coordinator

Jackson, Mississippi

Molly Miller

Special Assistant Attorney General

Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

Jackson, Mississippi

Friday, April 5th

7:00-8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast *Silver Star Ballroom*

8:00-8:45 a.m. **MISSISSIPPI ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION** (.75)

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Hon. Jess Dickinson

Presiding Justice - Mississippi Supreme Court

Jackson, Mississippi

8:45-9:00 a.m. Break

9:00-10:00 a.m. **COURTROOM SECURITY ISSUES** (1.00)

Hon. D. Neil Harris

Sixteenth District Chancery Court Judge

Pascagoula, Mississippi

10:00-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15-11:15 a.m. **JUDICIAL ETHICS** (1.00)

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Hon. John Toney

Director - Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance

Jackson, Mississippi

11:15 a.m. Evaluation & Closing Remarks

11:30 a.m. Awarding of Certificates