## Agenda



## MISSISSIPPI TRIAL & APPELLATE JUDGES FALL CONFERENCE

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

## Wednesday, October 22nd

10:30 a.m. MJC Board of Governors Fall Meeting Warwick

1:00-2:00 p.m. CJE Committee Meeting Warwick

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

2:00-2:15 p.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks

Windsor I

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

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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** 

(1.50 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 361<sup>st</sup> District Court Bryan, Texas

Thursday, April 23rd	Thur	sdav.	April	23rd
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7:30-8:30 a.m. Mezzanine

Continental Breakfast

## **CHANCERY JUDGES**

Surrey I & II

8:30-9:30 a.m.

**Best Practices for Hearing DHS Child Support Cases** 

(1.00 CJE)

Justice Randy Pierce Associate Justice

Mississippi Supreme Court

MS Department of Human Services Staff

9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Indian Child Welfare Act** (ICWA) & **Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children** (ICPC) (1.00 CJE)

Speakers to be Confirmed

**CIRCUIT JUDGES** 

Winston I & II

8:30-10:30 a.m.

Mississippi Department of Corrections: Sentencing Calculations

(2.00 CJE)

Commissioner Christopher B. Epps & MDOC Staff

Jackson, Mississippi

**COUNTY JUDGES** 

Manchester

8:30-10:30 a.m.

2014 Changes to the DUI Law

(2.00 CJE)

Speakers to be Confirmed

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

10:45-11:45 a.m. **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSIONS** 

(1.00 CJE)

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1:30-3:30 p.m. APPELLATE, CIRCUIT, & COUNTY JUDGES BREAKOUT

Discussion of Mississippi House Bill 585

Churchill I & II

(2.00 CJE)

Speaker to be Confirmed
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**CHANCERY JUDGES BREAKOUT** 

Surry I & II

1:30-2:20 p.m. Court Interpreters: Questions in Chancery Court Proceedings

(1 CJE)

Ta'Shia Gordon

Deputy Director - Mississippi AOC

Jackson, Mississippi

2:30-3:30 p.m. Wills & Estates

(1 CJE)

Speaker to be Confirmed

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

General Session:

3:45-4:45 p.m. **JUDICIAL ETHICS** 

(1 CJE/Ethics)

Professor Don Campbell

Mississippi College School of Law

Jackson, Mississippi

Friday, April 24th

8:30-9:20 a.m.

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

Windsor I

8:30-11:20 a.m. FALL STUDY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(3 CJE)

Churchill I & II

**CHANCERY COURT ISSUES** 

**Bastardizing Children in Divorce Proceedings** 

Speaker to be Confirmed

9:30-10:20 a.m. End of Life Decisions: Chancery Court Considerations

Richard A. Courtney

Frascogna Courtney PLLC Jackson, Mississippi

10:30-11:20 a.m. **Discussion of Chancery Court Issues** 

CIRCUIT COURT ISSUES

Winston I & II

8:30-9:20 a.m. Competency Examinations & Department of Mental Health: Best Practices

Reb McMichael, MD

Philip Gaines

Mississippi State Hospital Whitfield, Mississippi

9:30-10:20 a.m. Mississippi Tort Claims Act: Strict Compliance v. Substantial Compliance

Speaker to be Confirmed

10:30-11:20 a.m. What Works in our District & What Doesn't:

**How Different Districts Conduct Court Proceedings** 

Moderator to be Confirmed

**COUNTY COURT ISSUES** 

Surrey I & II

8:30-9:20 a.m. Contempt of Court for Failure to Pay Court Fines

Hon. George C. Carlson, Jr., Moderator

Retired Justice

Mississippi Supreme Court Batesville, Mississippi

9:30-10:20 a.m. Construction Liens & Mechanics Liens

Samuel C. "Sam" Kelly

Brunini Grantham Grower & Hewes

Jackson, Mississippi

9:30-10:20 a.m. Ingress & Egress in Eminent Domain Proceedings: Miss. Const. § 110

James L. Halford

Brunini Grantham Grower & Hewes

Jackson, Mississippi

11:20 a.m. Conclusion of Fall Conference