



## *Agenda*

# MISSISSIPPI TRIAL & APPELLATE JUDGES FALL CONFERENCE

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

### Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

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.	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <i>Mike Wright</i> Program Manager Mississippi Judicial College	<i>Windsor I</i>

#### General Sessions:

2:15-3:15 p.m.	<b>THE COURT REPORTER AND MAKING THE RECORD</b> (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. <i>Kathy Zebert, RPR</i> Stenedge Athens, Georgia	
3:15-3:30 p.m.	Break	
3:30-5:00 p.m.	<b>DEALING WITH THE NEWS MEDIA: RIGHT, WRONG, &amp; OTHERWISE</b> (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. <i>Don Tomlinson</i> Attorney at Law Texas City, Texas  <i>Hon. Steve Smith</i> Presiding Judge 361 <sup>st</sup> District Court Bryan, Texas	

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**Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Mezzanine
8:30-9:30 a.m.	<b>CHANCERY JUDGES</b> <b>Best Practices for Hearing DHS Child Support Cases</b> <i>Justice Randy Pierce</i> <i>Associate Justice</i> <i>Mississippi Supreme Court</i>  <i>MS Department of Human Services Staff</i>	Surrey I & II (1.00 CJE)
9:30-10:30 a.m.	<b>Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) &amp; Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)</b> <i>Speakers to be Confirmed</i>	(1.00 CJE)
8:30-10:30 a.m.	<b>CIRCUIT JUDGES</b> <b>Mississippi Department of Corrections: Sentencing Calculations</b> <i>Commissioner Christopher B. Epps &amp; MDOC Staff</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	Winston I & II (2.00 CJE)
8:30-10:30 a.m.	<b>COUNTY JUDGES</b> <b>2014 Changes to the DUI Law</b> <i>Speakers to be Confirmed</i>	Manchester (2.00 CJE)
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45-11:45 a.m.	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SESSIONS</b> o <i>Administrative Law</i> .....Newbury o <i>Appellate</i> .....Canterbury o <i>Chancery</i> .....Surry I & II o <i>Circuit</i> .....Winston I & II o <i>County</i> .....Manchester o <i>Senior Status</i> .....Warwick	(1.00 CJE)
12:00-1:15 p.m.	<b>MS CONFERENCE OF JUDGES LUNCHEON</b>	Windsor I

1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>APPELLATE, CIRCUIT, &amp; COUNTY JUDGES BREAKOUT</b>	
	<b>Discussion of Mississippi House Bill 585</b>	Churchill I & II
	<i>Speaker to be Confirmed</i>	(2.00 CJE)
	<i>National Center for State Courts</i>	
	<i>Sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trusts</i>	

1:30-2:20 p.m.	<b>CHANCERY JUDGES BREAKOUT</b>	Surry I & II
	<b>Court Interpreters: Questions in Chancery Court Proceedings</b>	(1 CJE)
	<i>Ta'Shia Gordon</i>	
	<i>Deputy Director - Mississippi AOC</i>	
	<i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
2:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>Wills &amp; Estates</b>	(1 CJE)
	<i>Speaker to be Confirmed</i>	

3:30-3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45-4:45 p.m.

General Session:

**JUDICIAL ETHICS**

(1 CJE/Ethics)

*Professor Don Campbell*

*Mississippi College School of Law*

*Jackson, Mississippi*

**Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

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8:30-11:20 a.m.

**FALL STUDY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

(3 CJE)

8:30-9:20 a.m.	<b>CHANCERY COURT ISSUES</b>	Churchill I & II
	<b>Bastardizing Children in Divorce Proceedings</b>	
	<i>Speaker to be Confirmed</i>	
9:30-10:20 a.m.	<b>End of Life Decisions: Chancery Court Considerations</b>	
	<i>Richard A. Courtney</i>	
	<i>Frascogna Courtney PLLC</i>	
	<i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
10:30-11:20 a.m.	<b>Discussion of Chancery Court Issues</b>	

8:30-9:20 a.m.	<b>CIRCUIT COURT ISSUES</b> <b>Competency Examinations &amp; Department of Mental Health: Best Practices</b> <i>Reb McMichael, MD</i> <i>Philip Gaines</i> <i>Mississippi State Hospital</i> <i>Whitfield, Mississippi</i>	Winston I & II
9:30-10:20 a.m.	<b>Mississippi Tort Claims Act: Strict Compliance v. Substantial Compliance</b> <i>Speaker to be Confirmed</i>	
10:30-11:20 a.m.	<b>What Works in our District &amp; What Doesn't: How Different Districts Conduct Court Proceedings</b> <i>Moderator to be Confirmed</i>	

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

11:20 a.m. Conclusion of Fall Conference