



Agenda

New Mississippi Trial & Appellate Judges Orientation

Cabot Lodge Millsaps - Jackson, MS

December 7-12, 2014

Sunday, December 7th

4:00-5:00 p.m. Early Registration Cabot Lodge Millsaps Lobby

Monday, December 8th

7:30-8:00 a.m. Registration, Continued Cabot Lodge Millsaps Lobby

8:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast Meeting: Meeting Room 1

MJC Welcome and Course Overview

Carole Murphey
MJC Staff Attorney

Mike Wright
MJC Program Manager

Ramey Smith
MJC Program Coordinator

8:30 a.m. Shuttle to the Carroll Gartin Justice Building

9:00-9:30 a.m. **Welcome to the Bench** Supreme Court Meeting Room

Hon. William L. Waller, Jr.
Chief Justice
Mississippi Supreme Court

Hon. L. Joseph Lee
Chief Judge
Mississippi Court of Appeals

9:30-10:30 a.m. **Now That You're a Judge, Letting Go of the Lawyer in You**

Hon. Eugene L. Fair, Jr.
Judge
Mississippi Court of Appeals

10:30-11:00 a.m. **Preparing to Take the Bench**

Brenda Peters
Account Specialist Senior
Mississippi Supreme Court Office of Finance

11:00 a.m. Tour of the Carroll Gartin Justice Building

11:30 a.m. Shuttle to the Cabot Lodge Millsaps

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12:00-1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch Served in Great Room/Seating in Millsaps Room

1:00-1:10 p.m. General Sessions: Meeting Room 1
Introduction to the Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts
Kevin Lackey
AOC Director

1:10-1:30 p.m. **Working with Interpreters in the Courtroom**
Ta'Shia Gordon
AOC Deputy Director

1:30-1:50 p.m. **Courts and the Media Issues**
Beverly Kraft
AOC Public Information Officer

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

2:00-2:30 p.m. **Introduction to the Mississippi Supreme Court Office of Finance**
Carol Allgood
Director of Finance & Administration

2:30-3:00 p.m. **Mississippi Electronic Courts**
Lisa Counts
MEO Director

Clint Pentecost
MEO Counsel

3:00-3:30 p.m. **Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program**
Chip Glaze
Director, Lawyers & Judges Assistance Program
The Mississippi Bar

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

3:45-4:45 p.m. **Role of the Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance**
This session will introduce the commission's role with the judiciary and the Code of Judicial Conduct.
Darlene Ballard
Executive Director

Bonnie Menapace
Senior Staff Attorney

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Tuesday, December 9th

- 8:00-9:45 a.m. **Opening of Court** Meeting Room 1
Courtroom Decorum
Maintaining Control Over Court Proceedings
Discussion of the procedures to open court, the inherent authority and power of the courts to maintain control over proceedings.
Hon. Cynthia Lee Brewer
Eleventh District Chancery Court Judge
Canton, MS

Hon. Tomie T. Green
Seventh District Circuit Court Judge
Jackson, MS
- 9:45-10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:00-10:50 a.m. **Contempt of Court**
A thorough discussion and comparison of civil and criminal contempt of court.
Hon. Percy L. Lynchard, Jr.
Third District Chancery Court Judge
Hernando, MS
- 10:50-11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:00-12:00 noon **Disqualification & Recusal**
Constitutional and statutory provisions for disqualification and recusal; Canon 3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.
Darlene Ballard
Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance

Hon. Lee J. Howard
Seventeenth District Circuit Court Judge
Starkville, MS
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch Served in Great Room/Seating in Millsaps Room
- 1:00-1:45 p.m. **Judge & Court Reporter Synergy**
Melinda Bowers, CCR
President Elect, MS Court Reporters Association
Official County Court Reporter
Meridian, MS

Sheila McKinney, BCR, CCR
President, MS Court Reporters Association
Official Circuit Court Reporter
Oxford, MS

Ruth Olenski, CCR
MJC Constituent Advisory Committee Member
Official Chancery Court Reporter
Jackson, MS
- 1:45-2:00 p.m. Break

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2:00-2:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions:	
	Function and Working Relationship with the Court Administrator	
	Chancery Judges	Meeting Room 2
	<i>Carolyn Cooper</i> <i>Chancery Court Administrator</i> <i>Forest, MS</i>	
	Circuit Judges	Meeting Room 3
	<i>Francis Ashley</i> <i>Circuit Court Administrator</i> <i>Jackson, MS</i>	
	County Judges	Meeting Room 4
	<i>Thelma Donley</i> <i>Leflore County Court Administrator</i> <i>Greenwood, Mississippi</i>	
	<i>Katrina Phillips</i> <i>Rankin County Youth Court Administrator</i> <i>Pearl, MS</i>	
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Break	

3:00-5:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions:	
	Chancery Judges	Meeting Room 2
	The Chancery Court	
	Introduction to the constitutional and statutory provisions concerning the chancery court; with a discussion of administrative responsibilities.	
	<i>Hon. Dawn Beam</i> <i>Tenth District Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>Columbia, MS</i>	
	Circuit Judges	Meeting Room 3
	The Circuit Court	
	Introduction to the constitutional and statutory provisions concerning the circuit court; with a discussion of administrative responsibilities.	
	<i>Hon. Andy Howorth</i> <i>Third District Circuit Court Judge</i> <i>Oxford, MS</i>	

3:00-5:00 p.m.	County Judges The County Court Introduction to the constitutional and statutory provisions concerning the county court; with a discussion of administrative responsibilities. <i>Hon. James Kent McDaniel</i> <i>Rankin County Court Judge</i> <i>Chair - Conference of County Court Judges</i> <i>Brandon, MS</i>	Meeting Room 4
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Wednesday, December 10th

Continental Breakfast Cabot Lodge Millsaps Great Room

8:00-12:00 noon Breakout Sessions:

8:00-9:50 a.m.	Chancery Judges Probate & Will Contests Administration of Intestate Estates A survey of the probate laws in Mississippi. Includes discussion of forms of wills, bonds, notice to creditors, duties of the personal representative, and will contests. <i>Hon. Kenneth M. Burns</i> <i>Fourteenth District Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>Okolona, MS</i> <i>Hon. Debra K. Halford</i> <i>Fourth District Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>Meadville, MS</i>	Meeting Room 2
9:50-10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00-12:00 noon	Paternity Suits & Inheritance by Illegitimates A discussion of the court's jurisdiction in paternity suits, time limitations for bringing suit, blood tests, visitation and contempt. Also covers the ability of an illegitimate child to inherit from its natural parent. <i>Judge Burns</i> <i>Judge Halford</i>	

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Circuit and County Judges		Meeting Room 1
8:00-9:50 a.m.	The Selection of a Jury Procedures for a <i>Batson</i> Challenge and Hearing A discussion of the jury selection process, including voir dire. Also covered will be jury deliberations and sequestrations; Communication with the jury; Verdicts. <i>Hon. Clarence (Cem) Morgan III</i> <i>Fifth District Circuit Court Judge</i> <i>Kosciusko, MS</i> <i>Hon. T. Larry Wilson</i> <i>Jackson County Court Judge</i> <i>Pascagoula, MS</i>	
9:50-10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00-12:00 noon	URCCC & Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure Discussion of the select rules of the Uniform Rules of Circuit and County Court. <i>Judge Morgan</i> <i>Judge Wilson</i>	

12:00-1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch Served in Great Room/Seating in Millsaps Room

1:00-5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions:

Chancery Judges		Meeting Room 2
1:00-2:30 p.m.	Select Chancery Court Rules & Application of Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure in Chancery Court A discussion of the Uniform Chancery Court Rules, with emphasis on making findings of facts (4.01 and 4.02) and Rule 81 of the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure. <i>Hon. Jim Davidson, Jr.</i> <i>Fourteenth District Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>Columbus, MS</i> <i>Hon. Denise Owens</i> <i>Fifth District Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>Jackson, MS</i> <i>Hon. Patricia Wise</i> <i>Fifth District Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Break	

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Chancery Breakout , Continued		Meeting Room 2
2:45-4:00 p.m.	Divorce & Alimony Addresses the nuts and bolts of domestic relations of chancery court, including divorce, alimony, support, child custody, modifications, visitations and grandparent's visitation. <i>Judge Davidson</i> <i>Judge Owens</i> <i>Judge Wise</i>	
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Bankruptcy in Chancery Court Dischargeability of debts owed to former spouses; Impact of financial matters on divorces; Modifications; Bankruptcy Laws. <i>Judge Owens</i> <i>James Henley</i> <i>Bankruptcy Trustee</i> <i>Jackson, MS</i>	

Circuit and County Judges		Meeting Room 1
1:00-2:15 p.m.	Evidence The proper foundation for evidence; Authentication, Relevancy, and Probative Value vs. Prejudicial Effect <i>Hon. George Carlson, Jr.</i> <i>Retired, Presiding Justice</i> <i>Mississippi Supreme Court</i>	
2:15-2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Eminent Domain Discussion of the statutory procedures of eminent domain. <i>Jack Pittman & Chris Howdeshell</i> <i>Pittman Law Firm</i> <i>Hattiesburg, MS</i> <i>MS Department of Transportation Staff</i>	
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Break	

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	Circuit Judges	Meeting Room 3
3:45-5:00 p.m.	Mississippi Tort Claims Act Discussion of the laws and proceedings under the MTCA. <i>Hon. Jess Dickinson</i> <i>Presiding Justice</i> <i>Mississippi Supreme Court</i>	

	County Judges	Meeting Room 4
3:45-5:00 p.m.	Civil Proceedings in County Court A discussion of partition of personal property; Unlawful entry and detainer; Replevin; Claim and Delivery <i>Hon. Frank Coleman</i> <i>Lauderdale County Court Judge</i> <i>Meridian, MS</i>	

Thursday, December 11th

Continental Breakfast

Cabot Lodge Millsaps Great Room

8:00-12:00 noon Breakout Sessions:

	Chancery Judges	Meeting Room 2
8:00-9:15 a.m.	Minor's Business Adoption Termination of Parental Rights Who must file the adoption petition; Venue; Who may be adopted; Who may object; Basis for termination of parental rights and proceedings. <i>Hon. Jaye A. Bradley</i> <i>Sixteenth District Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>Pascagoula, MS</i> <i>Hon. George Ward</i> <i>Seventeenth District Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>Natchez, MS</i>	
9:15-9:30 a.m.	Break	

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	Chancery Breakout , Continued	Meeting Room 2
9:30-10:50 a.m.	Guardians & Conservators Basis and procedure for establishment of Guardianships and conservatorships; Settlement of doubtful claims on the ward's behalf; Duties of the court, the Conservator and the Guardian; Removal of disability of minority. <i>Judge Bradley</i> <i>Judge Ward</i>	
10:50-11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00-12:00 noon	Commitments An examination of the affidavit/petition requirements for commitments; The hearing procedure; Waivers; Emergency commitments; Statute authorizing the appointment of "Masters" to hear commitment proceedings. <i>Judge Bradley</i> <i>Judge Ward</i>	

	Circuit and County Judges	Meeting Room 1
8:00-9:50 a.m.	Sentencing Options A discussion of non-adjudication; Probation; Suspended sentence; Revocation; Post-release supervision; Earned probation and intensive supervision program. <i>Hon. Larry Roberts</i> <i>Judge</i> <i>Mississippi Court of Appeals</i>	
9:50-10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00-12:00 noon	Drug Courts An overview of Mississippi's Drug Court policies and procedures. <i>Joey Craft</i> <i>Mississippi AOC</i> <i>State Drug Court Coordinator</i> <i>Hon. John Price</i> <i>Pike County Court Judge</i> <i>Magnolia, MS</i> <i>Hon. Mike Taylor</i> <i>Fourteenth District Circuit Court Judge</i> <i>Brookhaven, MS</i>	

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1:00-5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions:

	Chancery Judges	Meeting Room 2
1:00-2:50 p.m.	Real Estate Proceedings Resolution of boundary disputes; Adverse possession claims; Clouds on title. <i>Hon. Dorothy Colom</i> <i>Tenth District Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>Columbus, MS</i> <i>Speaker to be Confirmed</i>	
2:50-3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Annexation & Bond Validation A discussion of the requirements of annexation and the necessary court findings; Introductions to the subject of bond validation. <i>Judge Colom</i>	

	Circuit Judges	Meeting Room 3
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Unique Features of the Capital Case Discussion of dealing with the publicity surrounding a capital case and the issue of change of venue; Emphasis on the applicable statutes and rules; Suggestions for stress management. <i>Hon. Lisa Dodson</i> <i>Second District Circuit Judge</i> <i>Gulfport, MS</i> <i>Hon. Joseph Loper, Jr.</i> <i>Fifth District Circuit Court Judge</i> <i>Ackerman, MS</i> <i>Jason Davis</i> <i>Office of the Attorney General</i>	
2:50-3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Appeals to Circuit Court An overview of the rules authorizing appeals to circuit court. <i>Hon. Prentiss Harrell</i> <i>Fifteenth District Circuit Court Judge</i> <i>Purvis, MS</i>	

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1:00-2:50 p.m.	County Judges Youth Court Introduction to the unique features of youth court in Mississippi. <i>Hon. Tom Broome Rankin County Court Judge Brandon, MS</i> <i>Hon. John Hudson Adams County Court Judge Natchez, MS</i>	Meeting Room 4
2:50-3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Appeals to County Court An overview of the rules authorizing appeals to county court. <i>Hon. Mike McPhail Forrest County Court Judge Hattiesburg, MS</i>	

Friday, December 12th

	Continental Breakfast	Cabot Lodge Millsaps Great Room
8:00-8:45 a.m.	General Session: Racial and Gender Bias in the Courts Presentation will include an overview of these important issues in the Mississippi court system and how they are addressed. <i>Hon. Virginia Carlton Judge Mississippi Court of Appeals</i>	Meeting Room 1
8:45-9:00 a.m.	Break	
9:00-9:45 a.m.	General Session: Protection from Domestic Abuse <i>Paula Broome Special Assistant Attorney General Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor Deputy Chief, Bureau of Victim Assistance</i>	
9:45-10:00 a.m.	Break	

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10:00-11:00 a.m. **Understanding Mississippi Appeals**

*Hon. T. Kenneth Griffis
Presiding Judge
Mississippi Court of Appeals*

11:00-11:15 a.m. Awarding of Certificates

Closing Remarks

11:15 a.m. Conclusion of Orientation



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