



## Mississippi Justice Court Judges Spring Conference

*Pearl River Resort's Silver Star Convention Center & Hotel ~ Choctaw, Mississippi  
April 7-10, 2015*

### Conference Agenda

#### Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

2:00-5:00 p.m. MJCJA Board Meeting *Executive Board Room*

#### Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

1:30-2:00 p.m. Professional Judicial Development Registration *Convention Center Lobby*

2:00-5:00 p.m. Afternoon PJD General Session: *Convention Center Meeting Rooms*

#### **UNDERSTANDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE**

*Domestic violence and abuse can happen to anyone, yet the problem is often overlooked, excused, or denied. This is especially true when the abuse is psychological, rather than physical. This session will allow judges the opportunity to hear from professionals who work in this area, and to discuss these issues as they pertain to justice court.*

**Paula Broome**

*Special Assistant Attorney General  
Jackson, Mississippi*

**Sandy Middleton**

*Executive Director  
Center for Violence Prevention  
Pearl, Mississippi*

#### Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast for PJD Participants *Convention Center Ballroom*

Morning PJD General Session: *Convention Center Meeting Rooms*

9:00-10:30 a.m. **MISSISSIPPI LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW**

*This session is designed for judges to learn about key issues in landlord and tenant law disputes in Mississippi, and will focus on landlord and tenant rights.*

**K. F. Boackle**

*Boackle Law Firm, PLLC  
Ridgeland, Mississippi*

11:30 a.m. Deli Luncheon for PJD Participants

1:00-1:30 p.m. Spring Conference Registration *Convention Center Lobby*

Afternoon General Sessions:

Convention Center Ballroom

- 1:30 p.m.                      **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**  
*Hon. Ernest Cunningham*  
*President, MJCJA*  
*Marshall County Justice Court Judge*
- Mike Wright**  
*Program Manager*  
*Mississippi Judicial College*
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- 1:45-2:20 p.m.                **ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OPINIONS UPDATE**                      (.75 CJE)  
*James Dale*  
*Special Assistant Attorney General*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
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- 2:20-2:30 p.m.                Break
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- 2:30-3:30 p.m.                **JUDICIAL ETHICS:**  
**Report from the Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance**                      (1.00 CJE)  
<http://www.judicialperformance.ms.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>
- Darlene D. Ballard**  
*Executive Director*  
*Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*
- Bonnie H. Menapace**  
*Senior Staff Attorney*  
*Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance*
- William J. Stokes**  
*Chief Investigator*  
*Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance*
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- 3:30-3:45 p.m.                Break
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- 3:45-5:00 p.m.                **RESEARCHING ETHICS**                      (1.25 CJE)  
**Jim Rosenblatt**  
*Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law*  
*Mississippi College School of Law*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

<b>Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup></b>
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7:00-8:30 a.m.                Breakfast for MJC Constituents                      *Convention Center Ballroom*

Morning General Sessions: *Convention Center Ballroom*

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8:30-10:00 a.m.      **AUTHENTICATION AND IDENTIFICATION** (1.50 CJE)  
*Hon. Samac Richardson*  
*State Judicial Outreach Liaison*  
*Retired Circuit Court Judge*  
*Brandon, Mississippi*

10:00-10:15 a.m.      Break

10:15-11:50 a.m.      **CIVIL ACTIONS PANEL DISCUSSION:  
FUNDAMENTALS OF CONDUCTING COURT** (1.75 CJE)  
*Discussion Leader:*  
*Bill Charlton*  
*Staff Attorney*  
*Mississippi Judicial College*

*Panelists:*

*Hon. Ernest Cunningham*  
*Marshall County Justice Court Judge*

*Hon. Tomika Harris-Irving*  
*Jefferson County Justice Court Judge*

*Hon. Dianne Ladner*  
*Harrison County Justice Court Judge*

*Hon. Ed Woods, Jr.*  
*Warren County Justice Court Judge*

12:00-12:30 p.m.      Lunch for MJC Constituents *Convention Center Meeting Rooms*

12:30-1:00 p.m.      Mississippi Justice Court Judges Association Business Meeting

Afternoon General Sessions: *Convention Center Ballroom*

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1:15-2:30 p.m.      **UPDATE ON 2014 HOUSE BILL 412** (1.25 CJE)  
*Molly Miller*  
*Special Assistant Attorney General*  
*Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

*Hon. Samac Richardson*  
*State Judicial Outreach Liaison*  
*Retired Circuit Court Judge*  
*Brandon, Mississippi*

2:30-2:45 p.m.      Break

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2:45-3:30 p.m.                **SOCIETY AND THE LAW**                                (.75 CJE)  
**Hon. Richard Redfern**  
Rankin County Justice Court Judge  
Brandon, Mississippi

3:30-3:45 p.m.                Break

3:45-5:00 p.m.                **CRIMINAL CASES PANEL DISCUSSION:**                                (1.25 CJE)  
**FUNDAMENTALS OF CONDUCTING COURT**

*Discussion Leader:*  
**Bill Charlton**  
Staff Attorney  
Mississippi Judicial College

*Panelists:*  
**Hon. Tobey Bartee**  
Clarke County Justice Court Judge  
  
**Hon. Vicki Bass Ramsey**  
Copiah County Justice Court Judge  
  
**Hon. Gay Polk-Payton**  
Forrest County Justice Court Judge  
  
**Hon. Albert Turnage**  
Lawrence County Justice Court Judge

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:00-8:00 a.m.                Breakfast for MJC Constituents                                *Convention Center Ballroom*

Morning General Sessions:    *Convention Center Ballroom*

8:00-9:30 a.m.                **PROFESSIONALISM IN JUDICIAL DECISION MAKING**                                (1.50 CJE)  
**Hon. George Carlson, Jr.**  
Retired Justice  
Mississippi Supreme Court  
Batesville, Mississippi

9:30-9:45 a.m.                Break

9:45-10:45 a.m.                **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**    (1.00 CJE)  
**Bill Charlton**  
Staff Attorney  
Mississippi Judicial College

10:45 a.m.                     Awarding of Certificates

11:00 a.m.                     Conclusion of Spring Conference