



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 6th

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

Tuesday, April 7th

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 8th

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*

Morning General Sessions: Convention Center Ballroom

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

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. **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINIONS UPDATE** (.75 CJE)
James Dale
Special Assistant Attorney General
Jackson, Mississippi
- 3:30-3:45 p.m. Break
- 3:45-5:00 p.m. **CRIMINAL CASES PANEL DISCUSSION:
FUNDAMENTALS OF CONDUCTING COURT** (1.25 CJE)
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 10th

- 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