



Mississippi Youth Court Judges & Referees Seminar

*Hollywood Casino Gulf Coast - Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
September 23-25, 2015*

Seminar Agenda

Wednesday, September 23rd

11:00-12:00 noon Early Registration Ballroom Lobby

12:00-5:00 p.m. ***Joint Session for Judiciary and Department of Human Services Staff:
Moving Children to Permanency***

Sponsored by the Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts

Hon. Stephen Rubin

Former President

National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges

Tucson, Arizona

Thursday, September 24th

7:00-8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

7:30-8:00 a.m. Registration, Continued Ballroom Lobby

8:00 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks Ballroom

Mike Wright

MJC Program Manager

8:10-9:00 a.m. **Mississippi Legislative & Supreme Court Update (1.00)**

Hon. John Hudson

Jurist in Residence

Natchez, Mississippi

Senator Brice Wiggins

Mississippi State Senate - District 52

Pascagoula, Mississippi

9:00-9:10 a.m. Break

9:10-10:00 a.m. **Juvenile Drug Trends (1.00)**

Captain Jimmie Nichols

Director of Training

Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics

Jackson, Mississippi

10:00-10:10 a.m. Break

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- 10:10-11:50 a.m. **Improving Permanency Decision Making and Placement for Children Who Will Not Be Reunified** (2.00)
Hon. Stephen Rubin
Former President
National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges
Tucson, Arizona
- 12:00 noon Business Meeting Lunch Ballroom
Function Sponsored by Palmer Home for Children
- 1:00-1:50 p.m. **Fostering Court Improvement Program** (1.00)
Sponsored by Casey Family Programs
Christopher Church, JD, MD
Law & Policy Director
Children's Law Center
University of South Carolina School of Law
- 1:50-2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:00-2:50 p.m. **Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children** (1.00)
Sponsored by Casey Family Programs
Hon. Thomas "Britt" Hammond
Judge, Juvenile Court
Toombs Judicial Circuit
Thomson, Georgia
- 2:50-3:00 a.m. Break
- 3:00-3:50 p.m. **Mississippi Department of Mental Health Update** (1.00)
Diana Mikula
Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Jackson, Mississippi

Sandra Parks
Director, Division of Children & Youth Services
Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Jackson, Mississippi
- 3:50-4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:00-4:50 p.m. **Use of Interpreters in Youth Court Proceedings** (1.00)
Ta'Shia Gordon
Deputy Director
Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts
Jackson, Mississippi

Georgina Barve'
Certified Court Interpreter
Interlingus Language Services Agency
Gulfport, Mississippi

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Friday, September 25th

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00-8:50 a.m. **Mississippi Department of Education Update** (1.00)
Dr. Carey M. Wright
State Superintendent of Education
Jackson, Mississippi
- Toni Kersh*
Bureau Director
Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement
Jackson, Mississippi
- 8:50-9:00 a.m. Break
- 9:00-9:50 a.m. **Mississippi Department of Human Services Update** (1.00)
Mark Smith
Deputy Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Human Services
Jackson, Mississippi
- Jim Maccarone*
Director, Division of Youth Services
Mississippi Department of Human Services
Jackson, Mississippi
- 9:50-10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:00-10:50 a.m. **Open Forum: Discussion of Youth Court Issues** (1.00)
Moderator:
William Charlton
Staff Attorney
Mississippi Judicial College
- Panelists:*
Hon. Joey Cobb
Youth Court Referee
Iuka, Mississippi
- Hon. Celeste Wilson*
DeSoto County Court Judge
Hernando, Mississippi
- 10:50-11:00 a.m. Break

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11:00-11:50 a.m. **Ethical Considerations in Youth Court** (1.00)

Professor Donald Campbell
Mississippi College School of Law
Jackson, Mississippi

11:50 a.m. Evaluation and Closing Remarks

