



## *Agenda*

# MISSISSIPPI TRIAL & APPELLATE JUDGES SPRING CONFERENCE

Golden Nugget ~ Biloxi, Mississippi

April 22-24, 2015

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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| 10:00 a.m.     | MJC Board of Governors Spring Meeting   | <i>Horn Island Ballroom</i> |
| 1:00-1:45 p.m. | CJE Committee Meeting   | <i>Horn Island Ballroom</i> |
| 1:00-2:00 p.m. | Registration  | <i>Pre-Function Area</i>    |
| 2:00-2:10 p.m. | <b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b><br><i>William T. Wilkins</i><br><i>Interim Director</i><br><i>Mississippi Judicial College</i><br><br><i>Carole E. Murphey</i><br><i>Staff Attorney</i><br><i>Mississippi Judicial College</i><br><br><i>Mike Wright</i><br><i>Program Manager</i><br><i>Mississippi Judicial College</i>  | <i>Grand Ballroom D-E</i>   |
| 2:10-3:00 p.m. | <b>MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURTS UPDATE (1.00 CJE)</b><br><i>Clint Pentecost</i><br><i>Counsel, Mississippi Supreme Court</i><br><i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>  |                             |
| 3:00-3:10 p.m. | Break   |                             |
| 3:10-4:00 p.m. | <b>MISSISSIPPI LAWYER &amp; JUDGES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (1.00 CJE)</b><br><i>Facilitator:</i><br><i>Chip Glaze</i><br><i>Director, Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program</i><br><i>Jackson, Mississippi</i><br><br><i>Panelists:</i><br><i>Hon. William L. Waller, Jr.</i><br><i>Chief Justice, Mississippi Supreme Court</i><br><i>Jackson, Mississippi</i><br><br><i>Hon. Lisa P. Dodson</i><br><i>Circuit Court Judge</i><br><i>Gulfport, Mississippi</i><br><br><i>Hon. James B. Persons</i><br><i>Chancery Court Judge</i><br><i>Gulfport, Mississippi</i> |                             |
| 4:00-4:10 p.m. | Break   |                             |

4:10-5:00 p.m. **JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (1.00 CJE)**  
*Hon. Brice Wiggins*  
*Mississippi State Senate*  
*District 52 (Jackson County)*  
*Pascagoula, Mississippi*

5:00-6:00 p.m. **Spring Conference Welcoming Reception** *Ship Island Ballroom*

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

7:30-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast *Grand Ballroom D-E*

9:00-10:30 a.m. **U.S. SUPREME COURT UPDATE (1.75 CJE)** *Grand Ballroom D-E*  
**Discussion of Civil & Criminal Cases from April 2013 to April 2015 and**  
**Preview of Cases on *Writ of Certiorari***  
*Dr. John C. Eastman*  
<http://www.chapman.edu/our-faculty/john-eastman>  
*Henry Salvatori Professor of Law & Community Service*  
*Dale E. Fowler School of Law at Chapman University*  
*Orange, California*

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45-11:45 a.m. **CONFERENCE OF JUDGES ADMINISTRATIVE SESSIONS (1.00 CJE)**  
○ *Appellate*.....*Round Island A*  
○ *Chancery*.....*Ship Island C*  
○ *Circuit*.....*Ballroom F*  
○ *County*.....*Horn Island*  
○ *Senior Status*.....*Round Island B*

12:00-1:15 p.m. **CONFERENCE OF JUDGES LUNCHEON** *Grand Ballroom D-E*  
Breakout Sessions (2.25 CJE Each)

1:30-3:30 p.m. **CHANCERY JUDGES**.....*Ship Island C*  
**Issues After Civil Commitments**  
*Cyndi Eubank*  
*Special Assistant Attorney General*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*  
  
*Philip Gaines*  
*Court Liaison Coordinator, Mississippi State Hospital*  
*Whitfield, Mississippi*  
  
*Gene Rowzee*  
*Senior Attorney*  
*Mississippi Department of Mental Health*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

1:30-2:20 p.m.	CIRCUIT & COUNTY JUDGES..... <i>Ballroom F</i> <b>Mississippi Criminal Law Legislative Updates</b> <i>Hon. Samac Richardson</i> <i>State Judicial Outreach Liaison</i> <i>Brandon, Mississippi</i>
2:20-2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>Judicial Sanctions: A Review of Recent Cases</b> <i>Hon. William Gowan</i> <i>Circuit Court Judge</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>

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

3:45-4:45 p.m. **JUDICIAL ETHICS:** *Grand Ballroom D-E*  
**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*

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

Conference of Judges Study Committee Meetings (3.00 CJE Each)

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Chancery Continental Breakfast..... <i>Grand Ballroom F</i>
8:30-9:20 a.m.	<b>Q.D.R.O. Filings in Chancery Court</b> <i>Michael D. James</i> <i>Legacy Wealth Management Group</i> <i>Hattiesburg, Mississippi</i>

Chancery Study Committee Meeting, Continued

9:30-10:20 a.m.      **Update from the Mississippi Supreme Court Business Office**

*Carol Allgood, Director*  
*Rani Oswald, Assistant Finance Director*  
*Anita Moseley, Accountant Specialist Senior*  
*Brenda Peters, Accountant Specialist Senior*

10:20-10:30 a.m.      Break

10:30-11:30 a.m.      **Appointment of Counsel in both TPR Cases and  
Child Support Enforcement Actions**

*Professor David Calder*  
*University of Mississippi School of Law*  
*University, Mississippi*

7:30-8:30 a.m.      Circuit Continental Breakfast.....*Grand Ballroom DE*

8:30-9:20 a.m.      **Update from the Mississippi Supreme Court Business Office**

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7:30-8:30 a.m.      County Continental Breakfast.....*Ship Island C*

8:30-9:20 a.m.      **Discussion of County Court Issues**

*Moderator:*  
*Hon. Kent McDaniel*  
*Chair, Mississippi Conference of County Court Judges*  
*Rankin County Court*  
*Brandon, Mississippi*

CIRCUIT & COUNTY JUDGES.....*Grand Ballroom DE*

9:30-10:20 a.m.      **Mississippi Civil Case Law Update**  
*Professor E. Farish Percy*  
*University of Mississippi School of Law*  
*University, Mississippi*

10:20-10:30 a.m.      Break

10:30-11:20 a.m.      **Mississippi Criminal Case Law Update**  
*Jeffrey A. Klingfuss*  
*Office of the Attorney General*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

11:30 a.m.              Evaluation & Conclusion of Conference