



# Mississippi Trial & Appellate Judges Spring Conference

*Beau Rivage - Biloxi, Mississippi*

*April 26-28, 2017*

## *Conference Agenda*

### **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:30 a.m. MJC Board of Governors Spring Meeting *Oaks Boardroom*
- 1:00 p.m. CJE Committee Meeting *Oaks Boardroom*
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Registration *Camellia Ballroom Foyer*
- 2:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks *Camellia A*  
*Hon. Randy Pierce*  
*Director, Mississippi Judicial College*  
  
*Mike Wright*  
*Program Manager, Mississippi Judicial College*
- 2:15-3:15 p.m. Opening Keynote Address:  
**Predictability in the Law, Prized Yet Not Promoted: A Study in Judicial Priorities (1.00 CJE)**  
*Hon. Kem Thompson Frost*  
*Chief Justice*  
*Fourteenth Court of Appeals*  
*Houston, Texas*
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30-4:20 p.m. **Legislative Update for the Judiciary (1.00 CJE)**  
*Hon. Philip Gunn*  
*Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives*  
*District 56 (Hinds and Madison Counties)*  
*Clinton, Mississippi*
- 4:20-4:30 p.m. Break
- 4:30-5:15 p.m. **Mississippi's Bicentennial Celebration: History of the Judiciary (0.75 CJE)**  
*William C. Trotter III*  
*Garrard & Trotter*  
*Belzoni, Mississippi*
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Welcoming Reception *Pool Deck*

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## Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet	<i>Camellia A</i>
8:30-9:20 a.m.	<b>Transfer of Jurisdiction (1.00 CJE)</b> <i>Michael Hoffheimer</i> <i>Professor of Law and Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law &amp; Government</i> <i>University of Mississippi School of Law</i> <i>University, Mississippi</i>  <i>Deborah J. Challener</i> <i>Professor of Law</i> <i>Mississippi College School of Law</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	<i>Camellia A</i>
9:20-9:30 a.m.	Break	
9:30-10:30 a.m.	<b>Commission Report &amp; Ethical Considerations for the Bench (1.00 CJE/1.00 Ethics)</b> <i>Darlene Ballard</i> <i>Executive Director</i> <i>Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>  <i>Rachel Michel</i> <i>Senior Staff Attorney</i> <i>Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>  <i>Meagan Brittain</i> <i>Staff Attorney</i> <i>Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>	
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45-11:45 a.m.	<b>Conference of Judges Administrative Sessions (1.00 CJE)</b>  Appellate Judges..... <i>Oaks Boardroom</i> Chancery Judges..... <i>Azalea A</i> Circuit Judges..... <i>Azalea B</i> County Judges..... <i>Azalea C</i> Senior Status Judges..... <i>Azalea D</i>	
12:00-1:15 p.m.	Conference of Judges Luncheon	<i>Camellia A</i>
1:15-1:30 p.m.	Break	

1:30-4:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions (3.25 CJE)**

Chancery <i>Azalea A-B</i>	Circuit and County <i>Azalea C-D</i>
<p>1:30-2:50 p.m. <b>Panel Discussion: Practitioner’s View of the Bench</b> <i>John A. Ferrell</i> <i>Farrell &amp; Martin, P.A.</i> <i>Booneville, Mississippi</i></p> <p><i>Charlene Priester</i> <i>Priester Law Firm, PLLC</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i></p> <p><i>Richard C. Roberts III</i> <i>Roberts, Bridges &amp; Boydston PLLC</i> <i>Ridgeland, Mississippi</i></p> <p><i>J. Mack Varner</i> <i>Varner Parker &amp; Sessums, PA</i> <i>Vicksburg, Mississippi</i></p> <p>2:50-3:00 p.m. Break</p> <p>3:00-3:50 p.m. <b>Overview of the Uniform Veterans Guardianship Act and VA Fiduciary Programs</b> <i>Alyssa Silberman</i> <i>Staff Attorney</i> <i>Department of Veterans Affairs</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i></p> <p>3:50-4:00 p.m. Break</p> <p>4:00-5:00 p.m. <b>Child Support Enforcement</b> <i>Robert L. Wells</i> <i>Young Williams, P.A.</i> <i>Ridgeland, Mississippi</i></p>	<p>1:30-3:30 p.m. <b>Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure</b> <i>Hon. Ann H. Lamar</i> <i>Retired Justice</i> <i>Mississippi Supreme Court</i> <i>Senatobia, Mississippi</i></p> <p>3:30-3:45 p.m. Break</p> <p>3:45-5:00 p.m. <b>Mississippi Civil Case Law Update</b> <i>E. Farish Percy</i> <i>Professor of Law and MS Defense</i> <i>Lawyers Assoc. Distinguished Lecturer</i> <i>University of Mississippi School of Law</i> <i>University, Mississippi</i></p>

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**Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet

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8:30-11:30 a.m.

**Study Committee Meetings (3.00 CJE)**

Chancery <i>Azalea A-B</i>	Circuit <i>Azalea C-D</i>	County <i>Magnolia E</i>
<p>8:30-9:20 a.m. <b>Ancillary Custody/Support Issues</b> <i>Bo Gregg</i> <i>Wright Law Firm, P.A.</i> <i>Ridgeland, Mississippi</i></p>	<p>8:30-9:20 a.m. <b>Update on Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure</b> <i>(Joint Session for Circuit &amp; County Judges in Azalea C-D)</i> <i>Colette Oldmixon</i> <i>Smith &amp; Oldmixon</i> <i>Poplarville, Mississippi</i></p>	<p>8:30-9:20 a.m. <i>(Joint Session with Circuit Judges in Azalea C-D)</i></p>
<p>9:20-9:30 a.m. Break</p>	<p>9:20-9:30 a.m. Break</p>	<p>9:20-9:30 a.m. Break</p>
<p>9:30-10:20 a.m. <b>Modification &amp; Termination of Trusts Under MS Uniform Trust Code</b> <i>William O. Brown, Jr.</i> <i>Copeland Cook Taylor &amp; Bush</i> <i>Ridgeland, Mississippi</i>  <i>Leonard C. Martin</i> <i>Baker Donelson</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i></p>	<p>9:30-10:20 a.m. <b>Mediation as a Process</b> <i>Eugene M. Harlow</i> <i>Hortman Harlow Bassi</i> <i>Robinson &amp; McDaniel, PLLC</i> <i>Laurel, Mississippi</i></p>	<p>9:30-10:00 a.m. <b>Non-Adjudication Orders</b> <i>(Joint Session with Court Administrators)</i> and 10:00-10:20 a.m. <b>Handling the DUI Docket</b> Discussion Leader: <i>Hon. Kent McDaniel</i> <i>Rankin County Court Judge</i> <i>Brandon, Mississippi</i></p>
<p>10:20-10:30 a.m. Break</p>	<p>10:20-10:30 a.m. Break</p>	<p>10:20-10:30 a.m. Break</p>
<p>10:30-11:20 a.m. <b>Handling Temporary Restraining Orders</b> <i>Hon. Eugene Fair</i> <i>Judge</i> <i>Mississippi Court of Appeals</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i></p>	<p>10:30-11:20 a.m. <b>Mississippi Department of Corrections Update</b> <i>Anthony Schmidt</i> <i>Staff Attorney</i> <i>MS Department of Corrections</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i>  <i>MDOC Staff</i></p>	<p>10:30-11:20 a.m. <b>Discussion of County Court Issues</b> Moderator: <i>Hon. Edwin Hannan</i> <i>Madison County Court Judge</i> <i>Canton, Mississippi</i></p>

11:20 a.m.

Evaluation & Closing Remarks

11:30 a.m.

Conclusion of Spring Conference