



# 2019 MISSISSIPPI JUSTICE COURT JUDGES TRAINING COURSE

Jackson Downtown Convention Center Hotel formerly the Jackson Marriott  
Jackson, Mississippi  
December 2-6 (Week I)  
December 9-13 (Week II)

## Orientation Agenda

### Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Hotel Check-in

4:00-5:00 p.m. Early Registration *Mezzanine Lobby*

### Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

7:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast *Windsor II*

8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration, continued *Mezzanine Lobby*

8:30-8:45 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** *Windsor I*

***Hon. Randy Pierce***  
*Director*  
*Mississippi Judicial College*  
*University, Mississippi*

***Ramey Smith***  
*Program Manager*  
*Mississippi Judicial College*  
*University, Mississippi*

8:45-9:45 a.m. **Introduction to the Mississippi Judicial College (1.20)**

***Hon. Randy Pierce***  
*MJC Director*

***Ramey Smith***  
*MJC Program Manager*

9:45-10:45 a.m. **Introduction to the Mississippi Court System (1.20)**

***Hon. Randy Pierce***  
*MJC Director*

10:45-11:00 a.m. Break

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

- 11:00-12:00 p.m.      **Role of the Justice Court Judge in the Mississippi Court System (1.20)**
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.      Lunch *Windsor II*
- 1:00-1:30 p.m.      Shuttle to the Carroll Gartin Justice Building  
Leaves from the Jackson Downtown Convention Center Hotel Motor Entrance
- 1:30-2:00 p.m.      **The Duties and Responsibilities of Being a Judge (0.60)**  
*Chief Justice Mike Randolph*  
*Mississippi Supreme Court*
- Chief Judge Donna Barnes*  
*Mississippi Court of Appeals*
- 2:00-3:00 p.m.      **The Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance (1.20)**  
*Darlene Ballard*  
*Executive Director*
- Rachel Wilson*  
*Senior Staff Attorney*
- Meagan Brittian*  
*Staff Attorney*
- Danny Jackson*  
*Investigator*
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.      **Professionalism/Ethics/Judicial Temperament (1.20)**
- 4:00-4:30 p.m.      **The Courts and the Media Issues (0.60)**  
*Beverly P. Kraft*  
*Public Information Officer*  
*Mississippi Supreme Court*
- 4:30 p.m.              Group Photo
- 5:00-5:30 p.m.      Shuttle to the Jackson Downtown Convention Center Hotel

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

- 7:00-8:00 a.m.      Breakfast *Windsor II*
- 8:00-12:00 p.m.      **Manual Review Session (4.40)**  
*Bill Charlton*  
*Legal Research Counsel II*  
*Mississippi Judicial College*  
*University, Mississippi*

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

- 12:00-1:00 p.m.      **Mississippi Justice Court Judges Association - *Working Lunch*** (0.90)  
*MJCJA Board Members*
- 1:00-5:00 p.m.      **Manual Review Session** (4.40)  
*Bill Charlton*  
*Legal Research Counsel II*

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- 8:00-9:45 a.m.      **The Code of Judicial Conduct** (2.10)  
*Rachel Wilson*  
*Senior Staff Attorney*
- Meagan Brittain*  
*Staff Attorney*
- 10:00-11:00 a.m.      **Best Practices for Justice Court Judges** (1.20)
- 11:00-12:00 p.m.      **Duties of the Justice Court Clerk** (1.20)
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.      **Attorney General's Office - *Working Lunch*** (0.90)
- 1:00-3:00 p.m.      **Mississippi Rules of Evidence** (2.40)
- 3:15-4:15 p.m.      **Evidence Responder Session** (1.20)
- 4:15-5:15 p.m.      **Implicit Bias** (1.20)

**Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- 8:00-12:00 p.m.      **Protection from Domestic Abuse** (4.40)
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.      **Lawyer and Judges Assistance Program - *Working Lunch*** (0.90)
- 1:00-2:15 p.m.      **Authentication and Identification** (1.50)
- 2:15-3:15 p.m.      **Social Media and the Law** (1.20)
- 3:30-5:00 p.m.      **Landlord & Tenant** (1.80)

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- 8:00-11:00 a.m.      **Wet Session with SFST & DRE** (3.60)
- 11:00-12:00 p.m.      **Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program (MASEP)** (1.20)

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- 8:00-10:30 p.m.      **Fundamentals of Holding Court and Courtroom Decorum (3.00)**
- 10:45-12:00 p.m.      **Confessions (1.50)**
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.      **Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks - Working Lunch (0.90)**
- 1:00-2:30 p.m.      **Initial Appearances & Release Procedures (1.80)**
- 2:45-4:15 p.m.      **Sentencing & Enforcement of Criminal Judgements (1.80)**
- 4:15-5:15 p.m.      **Separation of Powers - The Importance of Judicial Independence (1.20)**

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- 8:00-9:45 a.m.      **Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure (2.10)**
- 10:00-11:00 a.m.      **Use of Interpreters in the Courtroom (1.20)**
- 11:00-12:00 p.m.      **Judge As Gatekeeper and Risk Manager (1.20)**
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.      **Judicial Wellness (0.90)**
- 1:00-2:00 p.m.      **Access to Justice (1.20)**
- 2:00-3:00 p.m.      **Hearsay (1.20)**
- 3:15-4:15 p.m.      **Search & Seizure (1.20)**
- 4:15-5:15 p.m.      **Expungements (1.20)**

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- 8:00-9:30 a.m.      **Mississippi Department of Public Safety Report (1.80)**
- 9:45-12:00 p.m.      **Criminal & Civil Responder Session (2.70)**
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.      **Lawyer Conduct - Working Lunch (0.90)**
- 1:00-2:15 p.m.      **Judicial Ethics Responder Session (1.50)**  
*Hon. Randy Pierce*  
*MJC Director*
- 2:30-3:30 p.m.      **Bench Insights (1.20)**
- 3:30-5:00 p.m.      **Benchcards & Forms (1.80)**  
*Bill Carlton*  
*MJC Legal Research Counsel II*

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

8:00- 9:00 a.m.      **Legal Research (1.20)**  
                                 *Bill Charlton*  
                                 *MJC Legal Research Counsel II*

9:00-10:30 a.m.      **Legal Terminology (1.80)**  
                                 *Bill Charlton*  
                                 *MJC Legal Research Counsel II*

10:45-12:00 p.m.      **Do's & Don'ts on Judicial Conduct (1.80)**  
                                 *Bill Charlton*  
                                 *MJC Legal Research Counsel II*

1200-1:00 p.m.      Lunch

1:00-5:00 p.m.      **Manual Review Session (4.40)**  
                                 *Bill Charlton*  
                                 *MJC Legal Research Counsel II*

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

**MINIMUM COMPETENCY EXAMINATION**

8:00 a.m.      Examination Room Opens      *Windsor I Ballroom*

8:10-8:15 a.m.      Examination Instructions

8:15-10:15 a.m.      **Examination, Part I**

10:15-10:30 a.m.      Break

10:30-12:30 a.m.      **Examination, Part II**

12:30-1:30 p.m      Lunch      *Windsor II Ballroom*

1:30-3:30 p.m.      **Examination, Part III**

Conclusion of the 2019 Mississippi Justice Court Judges Training Course.