



Mississippi Trial & Appellate Judges Fall Virtual Conference

Online via Zoom
October 28-30, 2020

[Agenda](#)

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

1:30 – 1:40 p.m.

Welcome

Hon. Randy Pierce

Director

Mississippi Judicial College

Ramey Smith

Program Manager

Mississippi Judicial College

1:40 – 2:25 p.m.

Views from the Bench During the Covid-19 Pandemic (live)

Hon. Deborah Gambrell

Chancery Court Judge

10th Chancery Court District

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Hon. Smith Murphey V

Circuit Court Judge

17th Circuit Court District

Batesville, Mississippi

Hon. Staci O'Neal

County Court Judge

Madison County Court

Canton, Mississippi

2:25 – 2:35 p.m.

Chief Justice's Report (live)

Hon. Michael Randolph

Chief Justice

Mississippi Supreme Court

Jackson, Mississippi

2:35 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:35 p.m.

Legislative Update (live)

Rep. Angela Cockerham

MS House of Representatives

District 96

Magnolia, Mississippi

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[Detailed Bill Report](#)

3:35 – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 – 4:35 p.m. **Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance Report and Update (live)**
Rachel Wilson
Executive Director [PowerPoint](#)
MS Commission on Judicial Performance
Jackson, Mississippi [2019 Annual Report](#)

Meagan Brittain
Staff Attorney
MS Commission on Judicial Performance
Jackson, Mississippi

Thursday, October 29, 2020

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Mississippi Rules of Evidence Update on Art. II, III, and IV, Rules 401-402 (recorded)**
Professor Ron Rychlak
Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law and Government [PowerPoint](#)
University of Mississippi School of Law
University, Mississippi

9:30 – 9:40 a.m. Break

9:40 – 10:50 a.m. **Court Scenarios by the American College of Trial Lawyers (recorded)**

10:50 – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Conference Administrative Sessions (live)**
Appellate - Chancery - Circuit - County - Senior Status

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. **Conference Chair Reports (live)**

12:30 – 1:30 a.m. Lunch

1:30 – 3:20 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

Chancery	County & Circuit
1:30 – 2:20 p.m. Family Law Update (recorded) <i>Dean Emeritus Debbie Bell</i> <i>Senior Faculty in Service</i> PowerPoint <i>University of Mississippi School of Law</i> <i>University, Mississippi</i>	1:30 – 2:20 p.m. Civil Case Law Update (recorded) <i>Rick Patt</i> <i>Attorney</i> Handout <i>Patt Law Firm, PLLC</i> <i>Ridgeland, Mississippi</i>
2:20 – 2:30 p.m. Break	2:20 – 2:30 p.m. Break
2:30 – 3:20 p.m. Mississippi ABLE Accounts (live) <i>Billy Taylor</i> <i>Chief of Staff</i> PowerPoint <i>Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i> NAST ABLE PSA	2:30 – 3:20 p.m. Criminal Case Law Update (recorded) <i>Joel Smith</i> <i>District Attorney</i> PowerPoint <i>Harrison, Hancock, & Stone Counties</i> <i>Gulfport, Mississippi</i>

3:30 – 4:20 p.m.

COVID-19 Update for the Judiciary (live)

Dr. Will Evans, Ph.D., MCHES, CWP

Professor and Department Head

Department of Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion

MSU Extension & College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Starkville, Mississippi

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Friday, October 30, 2020

8:30 – 11:20 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

Chancery	County	Circuit
<p>8:30 – 9:20 a.m.</p> <p>Child Support Enforcement (recorded)</p> <p>Josh Eure <u>PowerPoint</u> <i>Interim Legal Director</i> <i>Young Williams, PC</i> <i>Ridgeland, Mississippi</i></p>	<p>8:30 – 9:20 a.m.</p> <p>Update from the Mississippi Crime Lab and Discussion of Miss. Code § 63-11-31.1 (live)</p> <p>Maury Phillips <i>Administrative Assistant Director</i> <i>Mississippi Crime Lab</i> <i>Pearl, Mississippi</i></p>	<p>Joint session with county and circuit court judges.</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.</p> <p>Youth Court Discussion (live)</p> <p>Hon. Staci Beville <i>County Court Judge</i> <u>Discovery of Youth Court Records</u> <i>Lee County Court</i> <i>Tupelo, Mississippi</i></p> <p>Hon. Rhea Sheldon <i>Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>10th Chancery Court District</i> <i>Hattiesburg, Mississippi</i></p>		<p>9:30 – 10:20 a.m.</p> <p>PCR Appellate Court Records (recorded)</p> <p>Barbara Byrd <i>Special Assistant Attorney General</i> <i>MS Attorney General’s Office</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i></p> <p><u>PowerPoint</u> <u>Handout</u></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.</p> <p>Putting the GAP Act into Practice (live)</p> <p>Hon. Haydn Roberts <i>Chancery Court Judge</i> <i>20th Chancery Court District</i> <i>Brandon, Mississippi</i></p>	<p>10:30 – 11:20 a.m.</p> <p>Round Table Discussion of County Court Issues (live)</p> <p>Hon. Ed Hannan, Moderator <i>Madison County Court</i> <i>Madison, Mississippi</i></p>	<p>10:30 – 11:20 a.m.</p> <p>MDOC Update (live)</p> <p>Nathan “Burl” Cain <i>MDOC Commissioner</i> <i>& MDOC Staff</i> <i>Miss. Department of Corrections</i> <i>Jackson, Mississippi</i></p>

11:20 a.m.

Conclusion of the Fall Conference