



2024 Court Administrators' Spring Conference

Silver Star Resort – Philadelphia, Mississippi

April 24 - 26, 2024

[Agenda](#)

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

- 12:45 – 12:55 p.m. **Opening of Conference and Welcoming Remarks**
Tracey Daniel
Program Manager
Mississippi Judicial College
University, Mississippi
- Lynn Conner*
President
Mississippi Court Administrators Association
Caldonia, Mississippi
- 12:55 – 1:55 p.m. **How to Stay Motivated – Life is a Marathon (1.00)**
Matt Jones
Austin, Texas
- 1:55 – 2:00 p.m. *Break*
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Protecting the Judiciary and Ensuring Safety in Courts (1.00)**
Nathan Hall
Principal Consultant
Courthouse Planning and Courts Security
National Center for State Courts
Denver, Colorado
- Kyle Yoder*
Chief – Threat Management Branch
Administrative Office of the US Courts
Washington, DC
- 3:00 – 3:10 p.m. *Break*
- 3:10 – 4:10 p.m. **Ethics for Court Officials (1.00)**
Hon. Dawn Beam
Associate Justice
Mississippi Supreme Court
Sumrall, Mississippi
- 4:10 – 4:20 p.m. *Break*

4:20 – 5:10 p.m. **Administrative Office of Courts and Mississippi Judicial College Update (1.00)**

William Charlton
Research Attorney II
University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

Katharine Surkin
Executive Director
Administrative Office of Courts
Jackson, Mississippi

5:10 p.m. **Business Meeting**

Thursday, April 25, 2024

7:15 – 8:30 a.m. *Breakfast*

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Inside the Murdaugh Trial (1.50)**

Mike Watkins
Court Reporter
6th Judicial Circuit Court
Columbia, South Carolina

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Humor of Life (1.00)**

Jim Rosenblatt
Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus
Mississippi College of Law
Jackson, Mississippi

11:15 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. **Lunch & Installation of Officers**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Access to Justice (1.00)**

Nicole H. McLaughlin
Executive Director, Mississippi Access to Justice Commission
Director, Access to Justice Initiative, The Mississippi Bar
Jackson, Mississippi

2:00 – 2:10 p.m. *Break*

2:10 – 3:00 p.m. **Mississippi Deferred Compensation (1.00)**

Katrina Yarbrough
Retirement Plan Advisor
Jackson, Mississippi

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. *Break*

3:15 – 4:05 p.m. **Mississippi Electronic Courts (1.00)**
Katie Dalton
Training and Implementation Manager
Mississippi Supreme Court
Jackson, Mississippi

Friday, April 26, 2024

7:15 – 8:30 a.m. *Breakfast*

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **The Defenders, a documentary (1.00)**
Introduction and Discussion
Butler Snow and The Foundation for Mississippi History and
produced by RED SQUARED in association with Department of Archives and
History
Roderick Red
Director
Jackson, Mississippi

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. *Break*

Breakout Sessions

9:45– 10:45 a.m. **Chancery Court (1.00)**
Roundtable Discussion

Circuit Court (1.00)
MS Department of Corrections
Nathan Blevins
Deputy Commissioner
Jackson, Mississippi

Youth Court and County Court (1.00)
“The Power Of Hope” and LINK
Katrina Phillips
Chief Executive Assistant
Canopy Children’s Solutions

10:45 – 11:35 a.m. **Chancery Court –(1.00)**
Domestic Violence Protection Orders
Hon. Troy Odom
20th Chancery Court District
Brandon, Mississippi

Roundtable Discussion for Circuit, Youth & County
Participants TBD

11:35 p.m. *Adjourn*