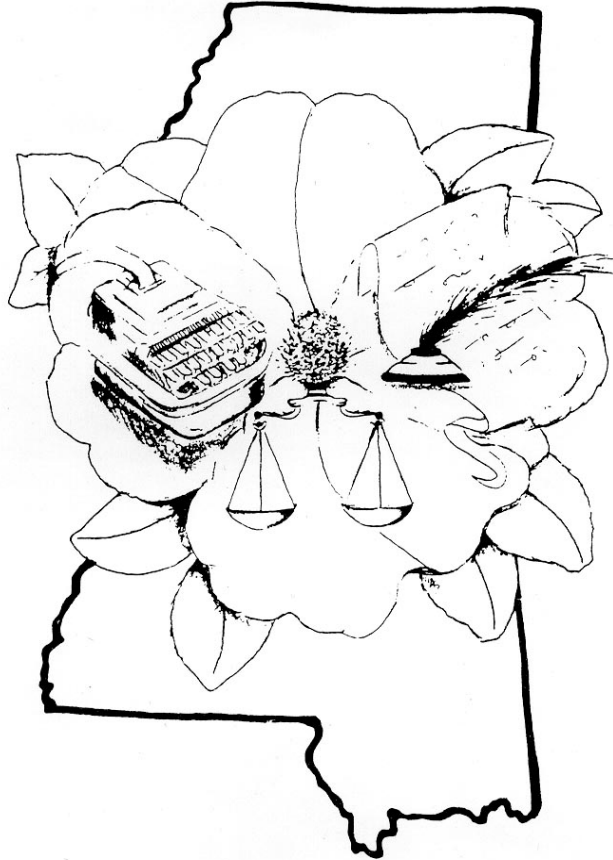


ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE FOR MISSISSIPPI COURT REPORTERS



*Jackson Marriott Hotel
Jackson, Mississippi
October 28, 2017*

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FALL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The Fall Conference for Court Reporters will be conducted by the Mississippi Judicial College at the Jackson Marriott, 200 East Amite St., Jackson, Mississippi on October 28, 2017. The program content was developed by the Continuing Education Committee of the Mississippi Court Reporters Association working in conjunction with the Mississippi Judicial College.

REGISTRATION:

Registration for the fall conference will commence at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017, on the mezzanine of the Jackson Marriott. Early Registration will be held Friday, October 27, 2017 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The conference registration desk will remain open for the duration of the conference and a representative of the Mississippi Judicial College will be in attendance at all times. The first session will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

REGISTRATION FEE:

MCRA Members	\$40.00
Mississippi scopists & students MCRA Members	\$30.00
Out of State MCRA Members	\$65.00
Non MCRA Members (including scopists & students)	\$125.00

Please make all checks payable to the University of Mississippi/MJC. A check or money order must be tendered for registration fees. ***No cash will be accepted at registration.*** There is no fee for Mississippi Official Court Reporters.

LODGING:

Hotel room rates are \$89.00, single or double. **You must call the hotel and make your own reservations.** Please call the Jackson Marriott at 1-800-256-9194 or 1-601-969-5100 and identify yourself as attending the Mississippi Judicial College Court Reporter program, (Code: CRC), to receive the conference rate. *Cutoff date* for the rooms is **October 10, 2017**. Reservations made after this date will be made on a space available basis at the best available rate.

TRAVEL:

Mississippi Official Court Reporters will be reimbursed for travel to and from the conference at .535 cents per mile and for meals at the MJC rate. Mississippi Official Court Reporters will have their rooms placed on the master bill of the Mississippi Judicial College for the night of Friday, October 27, 2017. All Court Reporters must make their own reservations.

The MJC Board of Governors has adopted a 100% attendance policy at all seminars and Mississippi Official Court Reporters will be required to attend 100% of the program to be reimbursed for mileage, meals, and lodging.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT:

A request has been made to the Board of the Academy of Professional Reporters for approval of this October 28, 2017 conference for .6 CEUs. The application will be considered under the "Continuing Education and Professional Development Guidelines". The Mississippi CCR Board has approved this conference for 12 continuing education credits.

MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS



Hotel room rates are \$89.00 single/double rate. Reservations for this event may be made by calling Marriott reservations at **1-800-256-9194** or **1-601-969-5100** and informing the reservationist that you are attending the Conference for Court Reporters sponsored by the Mississippi Judicial College, (**Code: CRC**). For directions and more information regarding the Jackson Marriott, please click the following link: www.marriott.com/janmc The Mississippi Judicial College has arranged for complimentary self-parking for attendees. MJC cannot reimburse for parking expenses.

The hotel is holding a limited block of rooms for this conference until **October 10, 2017**. After that date rooms will be reserved on a space-available basis at the best available rate.

Mississippi Official Court Reporters will have their rooms placed on the master bill of the Mississippi Judicial College for the night of Friday, October 27, 2017, for the \$89.00 rate, but you must guarantee your room with a credit card.

Court Reporters Fall Conference
October 28, 2017
Jackson Marriott ~ Jackson, Mississippi
Agenda

Friday, October 27, 2017

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Early Registration**

Saturday, October 28, 2017

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Registration**

8:30 a.m. **Welcome**

Hon. Randy G. Pierce, Director
Linda E. Beasley, Program Manager
Mississippi Judicial College

Danette Horne, CCR, President
Mississippi Court Reporters Association

8:45 - 10:15 a.m.

Professionalism in the Midst of Tragedy

This session is a discussion of the reality of tragedy in the lives of professionals, and the disciplines necessary to produce, interact and serve in the wake of personal loss.

Andy Taggart
Taggart, Rimes, and Graham, PLLC
Jackson, Mississippi

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

But They Sound Alike!

A little bit of knowledge goes a long way when tackling common words that sound alike but have different spellings and/or meanings. Don't let those words cause you to run into transcript trouble! Let us "pique" your interest as we take a "peek" at some of those troublesome words.

Kati Vogt, CCR, RMR

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Business Meeting

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Planned Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE WORKS FINE

Annie Laurie Hearin came up missing July 26, 1988. State and federal law enforcement agencies launched a massive nationwide missing persons investigation. The press reported that her husband Robert Hearin was one of the wealthiest men in Mississippi. The federal grand jury indicted Newton Alfred Winn, a Florida attorney, for conspiracy to kidnap Mrs. Hearin, and related charges. Press coverage of the proceedings surrounding the investigation and prosecution stretched across the country, from the New York Times to the Los Angeles Times. At trial, the prosecution presented a complex assortment of facts and circumstances, for which the judge instructed the jury that “[t]he law makes no distinction between the weight to be given either direct or circumstantial evidence”. The jury convicted Winn of all charges and he was sentenced to federal prison. Annie Laurie Hearin was never found. . .

*James B. Tucker
John Collette*

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

BREAK

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

(A) UPDATE FROM THE SUPREME COURT CLERK

Muriel Ellis
Supreme Court Clerk

(B) FREELANCE ROUNDTABLE

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

BREAK

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**ANTI-CONTRACTING AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS:
SEVEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Fostering continued growth and protecting our State Association through the legislative process may at times feel like navigating through a mine field. From the initial drafting of a bill to its final passage into law, what are some of the do's and don'ts and pitfalls in between? As a long-standing member of the Mississippi House of Representatives with over a decade of legal experience, Representative Bryant Clark, will serve as a guide to assist in navigating the legislative process to success.

Representative Bryant Clark