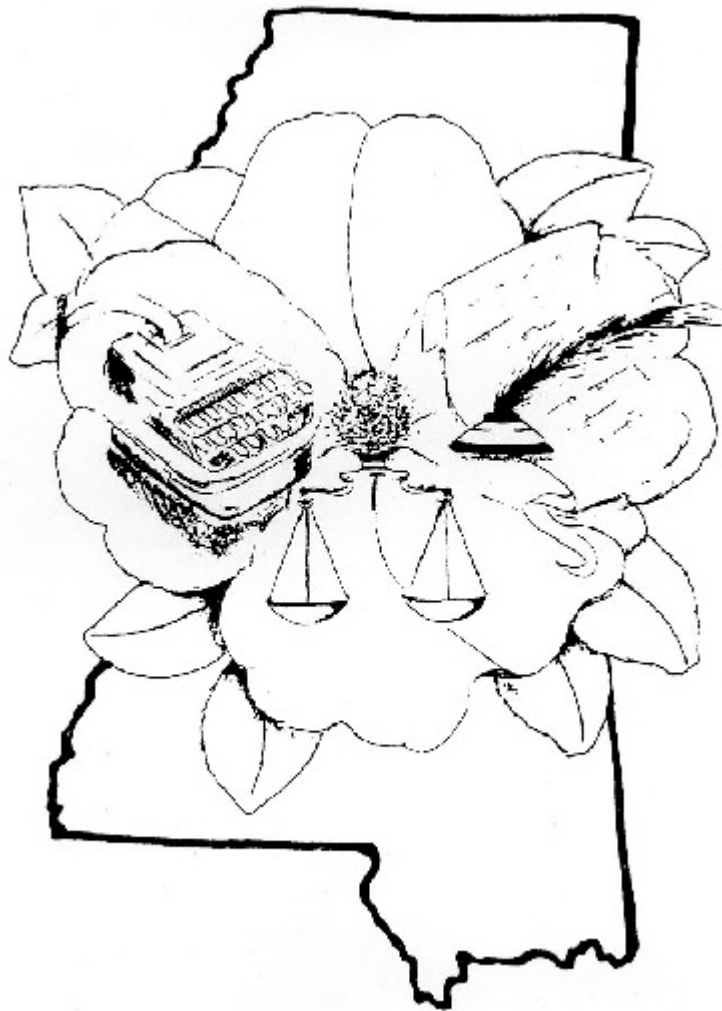


# 43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR AND CONVENTION FOR COURT REPORTERS



*Golden Nugget  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
April 23 - 25, 2014*

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## ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Seminar and Convention for Court Reporters will be conducted by the Mississippi Judicial College at the Golden Nugget, 151 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, Mississippi, April 23–25, 2014. The program content was developed by the Continuing Education Committee of the Mississippi Court Reporters working in conjunction with the Mississippi Judicial College.

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** The seminar pre-registration form included herewith should be completed and returned to the Mississippi Judicial College as soon as possible. *It is very important that you pre-register for this seminar* as guarantees must be made to the hotel, especially for the meeting space, receptions, breaks, and other functions. *Your pre-registration for this program will also assure you of receiving all registration materials including notebooks, hand-outs, and other items.*

**REGISTRATION:** On-site registration for the spring seminar will commence on Wednesday morning April 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Pre-Function area of the Golden Nugget. The seminar registration desk will remain open for the duration of the seminar and a representative of the Mississippi Judicial College will be in attendance at all times. **NOTE: The first class will begin at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2014.**

***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 HOTEL.***

### REGISTRATION FEE:

Mississippi Official Reporters.....	None
MCRA Members (instate).....	\$45.00
MCRA Members (out of state).....	\$70.00
MCRA Non-Members.....	\$130.00
Scopist and Students/MCRA Member.....	\$30.00
Scopists and Students/Non MCRA Member.....	\$130.00

**Please make all checks payable to *THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI/MJC.***

**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT:** Request has been made to the Council of the Academy of Professional Reporters (CAPR) for approval of this seminar for 1.2 CEUs. The application will be considered under the “Continuing Education and Professional Development Guideline”. By attending the entire program you will be awarded 1.2 continuing education units. If your state is a CSR state and you prefer CE hours rather than CEUs we will award hour credits for you. There are 12 hours in the program which corresponds to 24 CE credit hours.

## MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS



Hotel room rates are \$89.00 single/double rate plus a \$5.00 resort fee. Reservations for this event may be made by calling the Golden Nugget reservations department directly at **1-228-435-5400** and informing the reservationist that you are attending the Conference for Court Reporters sponsored by the Mississippi Judicial College **Group Code: S146008**. For directions and more information regarding the Golden Nugget, please click the following link: [www.goldennugget.com/biloxi/](http://www.goldennugget.com/biloxi/)

The hotel is holding a limited block of rooms for this seminar until **March 23, 2014** or until rooms in the block are gone, whichever comes first. After that date rooms will be reserved on a space-available basis at the best available rate.

To insure sufficient overnight rooms are available for the conference MJC has reserved a second room block at a rate of \$99.00 plus a \$5.00 resort fee. The code for this block is **S146064**.

**Mississippi Official Reporters** will have their rooms placed on the master bill of the Mississippi Judicial College for the nights of April 23 and 24, 2014, for the \$89.00 rate, but you must guarantee your room with a credit card.

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***Agenda***

**Wednesday, April 23, 2014**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>SEMINAR REGISTRATION</b>	<i><b>Pre-Function Lobby</b></i>
12:45 - 1:00 p.m.	<b>OPENING AND WELCOME ADDRESS</b>  <i>Hon. Cynthia D. Davis, Director Linda Beasley, Program Manager Mississippi Judicial College</i>  <i>Karen Reid Edge CCR, President Mississippi Court Reporters Association</i>	<i><b>Grand Ballroom DEF</b></i>
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	<b>STATE OF THE NATION</b> <i>Are you interested in the future of court reporters? Come learn about the fresh and innovative initiatives NCRA is launching throughout the nation to promote YOU and your profession. You will be amazed at the vast expanse of programs being instituted in our behalf. Bring your questions, concerns, and great ideas for our profession and let's all get active in promoting court reporting and captioning.</i>  <i>Debra A. Dibble, RDR, CRR, CBC, CCP NCRA Director</i>	
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Business Meeting Presiding: <i>Karen Reid Edge CCR, President</i> MCRA	
3:00-3:15 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>	

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

## **Breakout Sessions**

### **A. Town Hall Meeting**

***Grand Ballroom DEF***

*This session will include a panel of official court reporters, a circuit judge, a chancellor, and an administrator for the Board of Certified Court Reporters. Bring questions that you have always wanted answered.*

#### **Panelists:**

*Judge Cynthia Lee Brewer*

*Tracey Graves*

*Toni Matlock, CCR*

*Liz Barlow, CCR*

#### **Moderator:**

*Ruth Olenski, CCR*

### **B. Expand Your Brand 101**

***Ship Island C***

*An easy beginning workshop to get your name and services out on the World Wide Web! Have a web page, market your business and services. Let your clients know what you do and how well you do it! Join us for this fun discussion of making yourself known!*

#### **Moderators:**

*Monica Schroeder, CRR*

*Melinda Bowers, CCR*

4:15 - 4:30 p.m.

**BREAK**

***Grand Ballroom DEF***

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

### **The What, Why, and Hows of Mentoring**

*MCRA is launching its mentoring program POP Stars. Come join us to find out what our reporters are doing to encourage and support the court reporting students and how you can be a part of this effort. Donate practice material, tape or CD, any speed, and get a happy.*

*Melissa Magee, RMR*

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### **PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION**

*Music provided by Nightshift Sounds*

**Thursday, April 24, 2014**

7:00 - 8:30 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

***Pre-Function Lobby***

8:00 a.m.

**REGISTRATION**

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

**Briefs Jeopardy**

***Grand Ballroom DEF***

*Everyone loves new ways to brief challenging words and phrases, right? Join your host, Kathy Zebert, in this very exciting hour of Briefs Jeopardy. This will be an interactive seminar in A & Q format, presented in the style of the popular game show, Jeopardy. Contestants will compete for the winning prize: Kathy's new e-book, Briefly Speaking!*

*Kathy Zebert, RPR*

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Athens, Georgia

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

**BREAK**

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

**Business Creation Through Entrepreneurship  
and Leadership Development**

*Come join Criss Zebert in this entertaining and informative, hands-on seminar. The seminar will introduce participants to leadership development and build their capacity for business development. The program will also build self-esteem and provide positive alternatives for resolving conflict.*

*Criss Zebert*

Zebert and Associates

10:45 - 11:00

**BREAK**

11:00 - 12:00 noon

**Laugh to the Top: A Hilarious Guide to Achieving Your Goals**

*In his uniquely humorous and engaging style, Mack will give you all the laughs and motivation you need to reinvigorate your life, bounce back from that defeat ("Falling on your face is still moving forward!"), and reach for loftier goals. While making his points with laugh-out-loud anecdotes and sharing harrowing survival stories, he outlines his well-researched and very practical Seven-Step Formula for accomplishing whatever you want to achieve in business or in your personal life.*

*Mack Dryden*

Louisville, Kentucky

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

**LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

*Debra Dibble*

National Court Reporters Association

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Message in the Music**

*This workshop utilizes the music industry to establish a line of communication with today's youth. By emphasizing the importance of Media Literacy and Media Advocacy this workshop provides tools to help participants critically analyze various genres of music to detect subtle (or not-so-subtle) influences and suggestions that glorify and promote reckless, negative lifestyles, choices and decisions among today's youth. The effects of the music culture on today's society are explored in depth.*

*Mark Fomby*

FTC Prevention Services LLC

Pearl, Mississippi

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

**BREAK**

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

**Take this Job and Love It**

*Glenda Crump*

Dream Inc

4:45 P.M.

**CE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Ship Island A*

**Friday, April 25, 2014**

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

*Pre-Function Lobby*

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

**To Interrupt or Not to Interrupt: *Grand Ballroom DEF*  
That is the Question**

*As reporters, we are trained to be seen, but not heard, and to act as silent guardians of the record. But in order to ensure the accuracy of that record, sometimes it is necessary to interject ourselves into a proceeding. Deciding when and how to do this can be a tough choice, but it's one that is imperative in order to take down an accurate record. Veteran Reporter Kathy Zebert will discuss the appropriateness, necessity and timing of interrupting the record and share tips on how to accomplish this daunting task without upsetting the flow or momentum of the proceedings. You'll also learn effective tactics and techniques for handling attorneys who don't want to be interrupted. This seminar will include role play and is designed to engage the attendees in a fun, yet informative way.*

*Kathy Zebert, RPR*

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

**BREAK**

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

**The Power in Unity**

*Overcoming a tactic to defend against a divide and conquer strategy*

*Brad Starnes*

Jackson, Mississippi

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.

**BREAK**

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

**Great Moments in Courtroom History (Mississippi Style)**

*Mississippi Supreme Court Justice James W. Kitchens of Crystal Springs will reminisce about his 41 years as a civil and criminal trial lawyer in Mississippi's trial courts as he expounds on his chosen subject, Great Moments in Courtroom History (Mississippi Style).*

*Justice James W. Kitchens*

Crystal Springs, Mississippi



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
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**PLEASE PRINT:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

MS CSR# \_\_\_\_\_ CSR# \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ RPR# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

Official Type \_\_\_\_\_

Freelance

**FEES:**

Mississippi Official Reporters. . . . .	None
MCRA Member/In-State. . . . .	\$45.00 _____
MCRA Member/Out-of-State. . . . .	\$70.00 _____
MCRA Non-Member. . . . .	\$130.00 _____
Scopists and Students MCRA Non-Member. . . . .	\$130.00 _____
Scopist and Students ( <b>Students must indicate school attending</b> ). . . . .	\$30.00 _____
Late fee postmarked after <b>April 1, 2014</b> . . . . .	\$25.00 _____
<b>Tickets</b> for Thursday luncheon (Address by National President). . . . .	\$31.00 _____
On-site registration will be assessed a surcharge of. . . . .	\$25.00 _____
<b>TOTAL:</b> . . . . .	<b>\$</b> _____

**Officer Installation Luncheon (\$31.00)**  
*(Although Mississippi Officials do not have to pay for the luncheon please make sure you check if you plan to attend.)*

**Return registration form to and make checks payable to:** **The University of Mississippi/MJC**  
 P.O. Box 8850  
 University, MS 38677  
 Attn: Kathy Alexander  
**Fax: 662.915.7845**

**Cancellation Policy:** Full refunds will be made for **WRITTEN** cancellations **POSTMARKED** or **faxed** by **April 1, 2014**. Absolutely no refunds for no-show at the conference.

**If you should have a question, please contact:** Linda Beasley [lwleb@olemiss.edu](mailto:lwleb@olemiss.edu)  
 Kathy Alexander [kalexand@olemiss.edu](mailto:kalexand@olemiss.edu)  
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