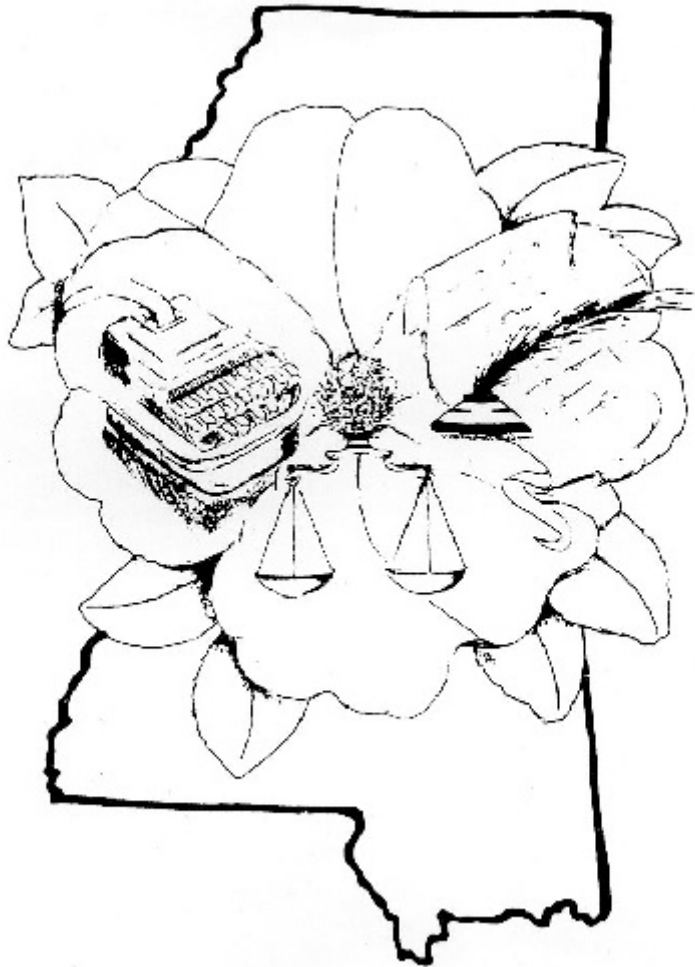


# 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR AND CONVENTION FOR COURT REPORTERS



***Golden Nugget  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
April 22 - 24, 2015***

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## ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The 44<sup>th</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 on April 22–24, 2015. 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 herein 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.* The e-Registration Form for the Mississippi Court Reporters Spring Seminar/Convention is available at: [Court Reporters Spring e-Registration Form](#)

**REGISTRATION:** On-site registration for the spring seminar will commence on Wednesday April 22, 2015, 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 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.**

***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 (in-state).....          | \$45.00  |
| MCRA Members (out- of- state).....    | \$70.00  |
| MCRA Non-Members.....                 | \$130.00 |
| Scopist and Students/MCRA Member..... | \$30.00  |

**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 CEUs. If your state is a CSR state and you prefer CE hours rather than CEUs then we will award hour credits for you. There are 12 hours in the program which corresponds to 24 CE credit hours.

## MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS



This year's spring conference will be held at the Golden Nugget Biloxi. Reservations for the conference can be made by calling the reservations department directly at 1-800-777-7568. In order to obtain the special rate for the nights of Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, you will need to use the group promo code **Court Reporters: S156131**. Our room rate for those nights is \$89.00, plus a \$9.00 resort fee. Any reservation requests made prior to or after these dates are subject to availability and the prevailing hotel rates.

*The deadline for making reservations with the Golden Nugget Biloxi in the MJC room block is April 1, 2015, or until rooms in the block are gone, whichever comes first.*

All reservations must be made directly with the Golden Nugget Biloxi and must be guaranteed by a credit card when you contact the hotel. Please be sure to write down your confirmation number. Should cancellation of your reservation become necessary, the Golden Nugget Biloxi requires seventy-two (72) hours notice prior to the scheduled check-in time.

**Mississippi Official Reporters** will have their rooms placed on the Master Bill of the Mississippi Judicial College for the nights of April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, for the \$89.00 rate, but you must guarantee your room with a credit card. Mississippi Official Reporters will have their meals reimbursed at the MJC rate and mileage will be reimbursed at the rate of 0.575 cents per mile for those who drive their own vehicle and live outside a 30 mile radius of Biloxi.

**For driving instructions to the Golden Nugget, please visit its web site at <http://www.goldennugget.com/Biloxi/>**

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
44<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Seminar and Convention for Court Reporters  
Golden Nugget ~ Biloxi, Mississippi  
April 22-24, 2015  
*Coordinated and Conducted by the Mississippi Judicial College*

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Scopist and Students MCRA Member . . . . . \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Students must indicate school attending \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee postmarked after **April 1, 2015**. . . . . \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets** for Thursday luncheon (Address by NCRA Director). . . . . \$31.00 \_\_\_\_\_

On-site registration will be assessed a surcharge of. . . . . \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:.** . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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**  
115 Northgate Dr. Crosby Hall  
PMB 9446  
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, 2015**. 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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***Agenda***

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.      **SEMINAR REGISTRATION**      *Pre-Function Lobby*
- 12:30 - 12:45 p.m.      **OPENING AND WELCOME ADDRESS**  
*Will Wilkins, Interim Director*  
*Linda Beasley, Program Manager*  
Mississippi Judicial College  
  
*Sheila McKinney, BCR, CCR, President*  
Mississippi Court Reporters Association
- 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.      **COMMON-SENSE ETHICS, ET AL**  
*Everyone has ethics - - yes, really! Let's discuss the ethics that court reporters abide by as we review our local Code of Ethics and NCRA's Code of Ethics. Learn how to use the Code and Guidelines and Advisory Opinions as tools in performing our court reporting duties.*  
  
*Jo Anne Leger, RPR, CRR, Director*  
NCRA  
Cleveland, Texas
- 1:45 - 2:00 p.m.      **BREAK**
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.      Business Meeting  
Presiding:  
*Sheila McKinney BCR, CCR, President*  
MCRA
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m.      **BREAK**
- 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.      **FOR THE RECORD - COURT REPORTING DOCUMENTARY**  
*Mr. Greenberg's documentary will explore the "steno culture" as it follows several stenographers attempting to claim the Guinness title of World's Fastest Court Reporter. At the conclusion of the film, Marc will discuss why the film was made and how you can help in the promotion of your chosen field.*  
  
*Marc Greenberg*  
Portland, Oregon

4:15 - 4:30 p.m.                   BREAK

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.                   **BUSINESS LEADERSHIP SKILLS**  
**BUILDING YOUR SOCIAL CAPITAL**  
*Jay Pearson, Director*  
The Mississippi School of Protocol & Etiquette  
Flowood, Mississippi

5:30 p.m.                           **PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION**  
*Music provided by Nightshift Sounds*

## **Thursday, April 23, 2015**

7:00 - 8:30 a.m.                   **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:00 a.m.                           **REGISTRATION**

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.               **TO QUOTE OR NOT TO QUOTE**  
*You want me to quote that? Do I use quote marks there? Do I go ahead and put in the bad punctuation from the original? Does the question mark go inside or outside the quote? What if I don’t have the document he is supposedly reading from? Are quotes better than hyphens? We will cover both the mundane and the bizarre about using quotes.*

*Margie Wakeman Wells*  
Culver City, California

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.               **BREAK**

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.               **SO LITTLE, SO MUCH TROUBLE: THE HYPHEN**  
*Is it “My plans are long-range” or “My plans are long range”? Is it “. . .post-high-school classes. . . ? Those hyphens may be small, but they certainly can be pesky. In this seminar, we will get the rules for hyphens sorted out and answer any questions you may have about them. Bring examples so that we can use them to demonstrate the rules.*

*Margie Wakeman Wells*  
Culver City, California

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.               **LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**  
*Jo Anne Leger, RPR, CRR, Director*  
National Court Reporters Association  
Cleveland, Texas

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Tips to Minimize Stress  
and Maximize Realtime/Daily Copy Quality**

In this seminar, Johnny will cover each step for preparing for a realtime/daily copy, which will include options for connecting realtime to the judge, attorneys, as well as using Dropbox for your scopist. He will also cover troubleshooting for realtime, and time permitting, he will provide tips on getting the most from your CAT software for realtime.”

*Johnny C. Sanchez, RMR, CRR*  
Houston, Texas

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

**BREAK**

2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

**WHY EVERYONE SHOULD REDUCE OXIDATIVE STRESS**

*Unbeknownst to most, oxidative stress is now recognized as a leading cause of chronic disease and aging. It occurs when free radicals, toxic oxygen molecules produced by normal body processes but also because of external sources like stress and pollution, spiral out of control.*

*Jennifer Barber*  
Court Reporters, LLC  
Mobile, Alabama

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

**BREAK**

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**NCRA ‘SOUTHERN STYLE’ TOWN HALL MEETING**

*What’s on your mind? Discuss with your peers mutual topics of interest concerning what’s been happening not only at NCRA, but also within our profession locally and around the country. Don’t be bashful!*

*Jo Anne Leger, RPR, CRR, Director*  
NCRA

5:00 p.m.

**CE COMMITTEE MEETING**

# Friday, April 24, 2015

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.                    **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.                    **CHOOSE ONE**

**A. UPDATE FROM THE SUPREME COURT**

*Muriel Ellis, Supreme Court Clerk*

*Randy Holmes, Deputy Clerk*

**B. FREELANCE TOWN HALL MEETING**

*Presiding:*

*Melinda Bowers*

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.                    **BREAK**

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

**UPDATE ON HIPPA LAWS:**

**HOW THE HIPPA LAWS MAY EFFECT YOUR TRANSCRIPT**

*Lynette Harper*

HIPPA Privacy Officer

Mississippi State Department of Health

Jackson, Mississippi

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.                    **BREAK**

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

**EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUES FOR WORKING WITH  
COURT INTERPRETERS**

*This session will provide information to court reporters on understanding the role of the interpreter, the importance of a qualified interpreter and methods for effectively and efficiently interacting with a Limited English Proficient (LEP) person through an interpreter. Employing these techniques will ensure the integrity of the fact-finding process, accuracy of court records, and efficiency in legal proceedings.*

*Ta'Shia S. Gordon*

Mississippi Court Interpreter Credentialing Program

Administrative Office of the Courts

Jackson, Mississippi

*Georgina Brave*

Certified Court Interpreter

**ADJOURN**