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

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

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

8:30 A.M. **Welcome** ***Windsor III***
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** ***Windsor III***
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!** ***Windsor III***
A little bid 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** ***Windsor III***

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **PLANNED LUNCH** ***Canterbury***

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. **CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE WORKS FINE** ***Windsor III***

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
Of Counsel
Butler Snow LLP

John M. Colette
John M. Colette & Associates

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. **BREAK**

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

(A) UPDATE FROM THE SUPREME COURT CLERK ***Windsor III***

Muriel Ellis
Supreme Court Clerk

Jennifer Malik
Mississippi Electronic Courts

(B) FREELANCE ROUNDTABLE ***Churchill***

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** ***Windsor III***

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