



*Agenda*  
**JOINT CONFERENCE of  
MISSISSIPPI & LOUISIANA JUDGES**  
Natchez Grand Hotel - Natchez, Mississippi  
August 5-7, 2009



**Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:00-6:00 p.m.                    **Early Registration**
- 6:00 p.m.                         **Welcoming Reception**  
*Location TBA*

**Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00-9:00 a.m.                    **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00-9:00 a.m.                    **Registration, Continued**
- 9:00 a.m.                         **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
*Cynthia D. Davis*  
*Director, Mississippi Judicial College*
- Morning General Session:*
- 9:15-12:00 noon                    **FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,  
THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN, & MARRIAGE**  
Professor Wilcox will focus on the family and the way domestic violence, and a child's well being, influence the quality and stability of American family life.  
*W. Brad Wilcox*  
*Associate Professor, Department of Sociology*  
*University of Virginia*  
[www.virginia.edu/sociology/peopleofsociology/bwilcox.htm](http://www.virginia.edu/sociology/peopleofsociology/bwilcox.htm)
- 12:00-12:45 p.m.                    **Group Lunch**
- Afternoon General Sessions:*
- 1:00-2:15 p.m.                    **A STATE'S RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
A panel discussion of the judiciary's response to this subject.  
*Panel TBA*
- 2:15-2:30 p.m.                    **Break**

2:30-5:00 p.m.

**ECONOMICS OF TORT LAW**

Over the last thirty years the law-and-economics movement has revolutionized the way we think about the law. Professor Goetz will give participants a solid understanding of the economic analysis of the law.

*Charles J. Goetz*  
*Joseph M. Hartfield Professor of Law Emeritus*  
*University of Virginia School of Law*  
[www.law.virginia.edu/lawweb/faculty.nsf/FHPbI/3348](http://www.law.virginia.edu/lawweb/faculty.nsf/FHPbI/3348)

<b>Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup></b>
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8:00-9:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

*Morning General Session:*

9:00-11:30 a.m.

**ECONOMICS OF TORT LAW, Continued**

*Professor Charles Goetz*

11:30 a.m.

**Evaluation and Conclusion of Conference**