

The
Mississippi Judicial College

announces registration for the

**2009 MISSISSIPPI
TRIAL & APPELLATE JUDGES
SPRING CONFERENCE**



Harrah's Resort
Veranda Hotel & Convention Center
Tunica, Mississippi

April 22-24, 2009

Mississippi Trial & Appellate Judges:

On behalf of myself and the Mississippi Judicial College, we take great pleasure in inviting each of you to the Trial and Appellate Judges Spring Conference. As part of our service to the people of Mississippi, MJC provides continuing education to judges and other court officials in our judicial system. We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with you on this and other continuing education endeavors.

Hopefully, you will find the conference rewarding as well as educationally stimulating and beneficial to your needs. MJC trusts your visit to the Mississippi Delta and the Harrah's Resort will be both an educational and an enjoyable one.

All the best,

Cynthia D. Davis
Director, Mississippi Judicial College

✓ **MARK YOUR 2009 CALENDAR**

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| April 22-24 | Trial & Appellate Judges Spring Conference
<i>Harrah's Veranda Hotel & Convention Center - Tunica, MS</i> |
| August 5-7 | Joint Conference of Mississippi & Louisiana Judges
<i>Country Inn & Suites - Natchez, MS</i> |
| October 21-23 | Trial & Appellate Judges Fall Conference
<i>Silver Star at the Pearl River Resort - Choctaw, MS</i> |

2009 SPRING CONFERENCE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

A final agenda and special conference announcements will be sent to you via e-mail, and will be posted on the MJC web site at www.olemiss.edu/depts/mjc as soon as all sessions are confirmed.

Wednesday, April 22

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| 9:00 a.m. | MJC Board of Governors Meeting | <i>Veranda Board Room</i> |
| 1:00-2:00 p.m. | CJE Committee Meeting | <i>Grand Convention Center</i> |
| 1:00-2:00 p.m. | Conference Registration | <i>Grand Convention Center</i> |
| 2:00 p.m. | Welcome and Opening Remarks | <i>Ballroom</i> |
| 2:00-5:00 p.m. | General Sessions | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Welcoming Reception | <i>Veranda Pool-side</i> |

Thursday, April 23

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| 8:00-9:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast | <i>Ballroom</i> |
| 9:00-10:45 a.m. | General Session | <i>Ballroom</i> |
| 11:00-11:50 a.m. | Conference of Judges Administrative Sessions | |
| 12:00-1:15 p.m. | Conference of Judges Luncheon | <i>Ballroom</i> |
| 1:30-2:45 p.m. | General Sessions | |
| 3:15-4:45 p.m. | Breakout Sessions | |

Friday, April 24

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| 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Continental Breakfast | <i>Ballroom</i> |
| 8:30-11:30 a.m. | Conference of Judges Spring Study Committee Meetings | |

SPRING CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference Registration: To register for the spring conference, you can visit the MJC web site at www.olemiss.edu/depts/mjc, or please complete the registration form in this brochure, detach, and return it to MJC by ***Monday, March 23, 2009***. The registration form can also be faxed to 662-915-7845. If you are planning to attend, please register so that we can better plan for the conference.

Hotel Registration: The Veranda Hotel will serve as our host hotel for the conference. To make your overnight reservations, follow the instructions on the next page of this brochure. Reservations must be made directly with Harrah's, and your room must be guaranteed with a credit card to confirm your reservations. County and senior status judges will have their room rates for the nights of Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23 changed to direct bill to MJC prior to the conference, and will be paid for by MJC. *100% attendance is now required of county and senior status judges for overnight and travel reimbursement from MJC.*

Judicial Education: This year's spring conference will provide twelve (12) hours of continuing judicial education, and one hour of ethics/professionalism. Please refer to the conference schedule in the brochure for function and session times.

Conference Functions: Judges will have afternoon general sessions on Wednesday, April 22, followed by an informal reception; general sessions and breakouts all day on Thursday, April 23, with the Conference of Judges Luncheon held at 12:00 noon. The conference will conclude by noon on Friday, April 23, following the study committee meetings. Continental breakfasts will be served both Thursday and Friday mornings of the conference.

Visit the MJC web site at www.olemiss.edu/depts/mjc for a detailed final agenda and other conference announcements.

MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS



Reservations for the spring conference may be made one of two ways. The easiest method is to click on the following Harrah's link: <http://www.harrahs.com/CheckGroupAvailability.do?propCode=GTU&groupCode=S04TAJ9>. This will allow you to make your reservations securely on-line. You will receive a confirmation number.

The second option is to call Harrah's toll-free number at 1-800-394-7263. Listen to the menu and inform reservations that you will be attending this conference and that your reservation should be made in room block code S04TAJ9. Our room rate for the conference is \$59.

The deadline for making reservations with Harrah's Veranda Hotel in the MJC room block is Monday, March 23, 2009!

Harrah's has reserved a limited block of rooms for judges for the nights of Tuesday, April 21, Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23. Any reservation requests made prior to and after these dates are subject to availability and the regular hotel rates. Harrah's has been instructed to direct bill the room rate for county judges, senior status judges, and those judges serving as speakers for the Mississippi Judicial College for the nights of Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23. All reservations must be made, however, directly with Harrah's and must be guaranteed by a major credit card when you contact the hotel either on-line or by phone. Please be sure to write down your confirmation number. Should cancellation of individual reservations become necessary, Harrah's requires seventy-two (72) hours notice prior to the scheduled check-in time.

For driving instructions and amenities at Harrah's Resort, visit its web site at

<http://www.harrahstunica.com/casinos/grand-casino-resort-tunica/hotel-casino/property-home.shtml>



REGISTRATION FORM

Mississippi Trial & Appellate Judges Spring Conference
Harrah's Resort - April 22-24, 2009

To register, visit the MJC web site and complete the on-line form, or complete the following, detach and either fax or mail by Monday, March 23 to:

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Mississippi Judicial College

Post Office Box 8850

University, MS 38677

Telephone: 662-915-5955

Fax: 662-915-7845

E-mail: rameys@olemiss.edu

Name (Please Print)

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

Office Telephone


Office Fax

E-Mail Address

Harrah's Veranda Hotel will serve as our host hotel for this conference. Please mark below whether you intend to make overnight reservations. You will need to contact Harrah's directly and follow the instructions in the "Making Your Reservation" section of the brochure.

- YES, I will contact Harrah's and reserve overnight accommodations for the spring conference by the deadline of **Monday, March 23, 2009**.
- I am attending, but will not be making reservations at Harrah's for this conference.
- NO, I will be unable to attend the spring conference.

If you have a question about the conference, or if there is a subject matter you would like to see addressed in April, please feel free to forward those along with the registration form.

 *Complete Form, Detach, and Return to MJC. Thank You.*



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