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Conference Registration & Information

Mail-In Registrations

Completed registration forms can be mailed to

MMACJA
Jean Harmison, Executive Secretary
4730 South National Suite A-1
Springfield, MO 65810

Additional forms can be downloaded at www.mmacja.org.
Make checks payable to MMACJA.

Online Registration & Credit Card Payments

Online registration is available at www.mmacja.org. Payments may be made by credit card.

Conference Materials

Electronic conference materials will be made available one week prior to the conference.

CLE Hours

The conference program has applied for 17.6 MCLE hours, including 3.0 ethics hours, under Supreme Court Rules 15 and 18 for Reporting Year July 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021. Attendance at the entire conference qualifies for these credits.

MCLE	14.6
Ethics	2.0
Elimination of Bias	1.0
Total	17.6

* Refreshments will be available during throughout the entire conference. Feel free to take breaks as needed.

Comments, Suggestions, & Inquiries

We welcome your feedback concerning this year's conference.

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Agenda for Wednesday, May 26, 2021

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Conference Registration Open	5th Floor Atrium
11:15 – 11:45 AM	Welcome Reception for New Judges & First-Time Attendees <i>Judge Stacey Lett, President</i>	Valencia A
12:00 – 12:10 PM	Welcome to Annual Courts Conference <i>Judge Ardie Bland, Conference Chair, and Judge Stacey Lett, President</i>	Campana
12:10 – 1:50 PM	What You Need to Know About Cannabis <i>Ryan Hutton with Extract-ED will present on the types of marijuana and their and discuss how it is harvested and extraction of concentrates and methods of consumption.</i>	Campana 2.0 hours CLE
1:50 – 2:00 PM	Break	
2:00 – 2:50 PM	Civility <i>Judge Renee Hardin-Tammons</i> There will be a interactive discussion of possible answers to the following questions: What is civility? Why does civility matter? What are the costs of incivility? What role should the legal profession/ judge play in promoting civility?	Campana 1 hour CLE - Ethics
2:50 – 3:40 PM	Legislative Update <i>Rich AuBuchon, Judge Cotton Walker</i> Panel discussion on the bills passed in the previous legislative session.	Campana 1.5 hour sCLE
3:40 – 3:50 PM	Break	
3:50 – 4:40 PM	Handling Sovereign Citizens and Other Potential Threats <i>FBI/U.S. Marshall Service</i> Presentation discussing courthouse security and potential threats to the Courts arising out of the more recent governmental threats posed by extremist groups.	Campana 1 hour CLE
4:40 – 5:00 pm	MMACJA General Membership Meeting & Election of Officers	Campana
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Wine & Scotch Tasting - Virtual Happy Hour Option! Join your fellow conference attendees for an opening night reception where you will enjoy a selection of hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and scenic views of the Lake of the Ozarks. Virtual option available.	Valencia Indoor/Outdoor
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Outgoing and Incoming Board of Directors Meeting & Dinner	Marbella

Agenda for Thursday, May 27, 2021

7:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet	Marbella
	Breakfast for conference attendees and paid guests of the conference. Please have your identification badge or ticket with you.	
8:30 – 9:50AM	Traffic Injury Research Foundation	Campana 1.5 hours CLE
	<i>Judge Linda Chezem, Dr. David Crabb, Robyn Robertson, President & CEO (Traffic Injury Research Foundation)</i>	
	<i>This presentation explores effective sentencing options for these offenders and discusses offender characteristics as well as the most important factors to guide the selection of appropriate strategies. The presentation summarizes the research in support of various sentencing tools including medication-assisted treatment, alcohol-ignition interlocks and other alcohol monitoring technologies.</i>	
9:50 – 10:00 AM	Break	
10:00 – 12:00 PM	Unconscious Bias: Creating a More Conscious Court	Campana
	<i>Dionne King - DMK Consultants</i>	2.2 hours CLE (1 hr Elimination of Bias)
	<i>This course educates on relevant definitions, industry trends, ethical responsibility, competency and awareness. Participants will know how to effectively mitigate bias, understand and appreciate diversity and leverage skills to develop inclusion competency for a more progressive practice of law. Participants will take an introspective assessment, receive a free bias tool and participate in discussion pods, fun polls and interactive learning games.</i>	
12:00 – 1:10 PM	Luncheon	Marbella
	<i>Surprise Luncheon Speaker</i>	
1:10 – 3:10 PM	Domestic Violence Presentation	Campana
	<i>Judge Courtney Wachal</i>	
	<i>Caroline Markel- Hammond , CEO and Founder, Safe In Harm's Way Foundation, Inc.</i>	2.2 hours CLE
	<i>This course is designed to discuss domestic violence, models for courts to follow for domestic violence sentencing and resources for victims. It will also discuss the relationship between domestic violence, sex trafficking and other problems which arise in the community as a result of domestic violence.</i>	
2:40 – 2:50 PM	Break	
2:50 - 4:10 PM	Show Me Courts and WebEx (The Death of Zoom) - The Post COVID Courts	Campana
	<i>Judge Gary Lynch, Rick Morrissey, Sherri Paschal, and Pat Brooks</i>	1.5 hour CLE
	<i>Show Me Courts and WebEx are arising during the time of the COVID 19 crisis. The speakers will bring us up to date on the transition to both programs and the death of Zoom Courts.</i>	
4:10 - 5:00 PM	COVID-19 and the Rise of the Associate Circuit Court	Campana
	<i>Judge Travis Willingham</i>	1.0 hour CLE
	<i>Since COVID -19 many of the Associate Circuit Judges have been overloaded with their caseloads including those that involve the handling of Municipal Court Cases. This course will discuss factors that judges and prosecutors handling municipal court cases should consider when handling these cases.</i>	
5:00 – 7:00 PM	"Cooking With Judge Renee" (Virtual Option Available)	Valencia/Indoor/Outdoor

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7:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet	Marbella
	Breakfast for conference attendees and paid guests of the conference. Please have your identification badge or ticket with you.	
8:30 – 9:50 AM	What Would That Judge Do?	Campana
	<i>Judge s Kevin Kelly, Karen Krauser, Mark Rundel, and Wendy Garrison</i>	1.5 hours CLE (1.0 Ethics)
	<i>This course will examine the difficult and sometimes controversial decisions that judges have to face everyday regarding courtroom etiquette, sentencing, ethics, judicial temperament and judicial administration.</i>	
9:50 – 10:00 AM	Break	
10:00 - 12 PM	DUI and Caselaw Update	Campana
	<i>Judge Mike Svetlic, Joe Cambiano and Jeff Eastman</i>	2.2 hours CLE
	<i>This course will discuss recent changes in Missouri law and caselaw updates and DUI/DWI related updates.</i>	

Hotel Information & Reservations

Once again, the Missouri Municipal & Associate Circuit Judges Association's Annual Courts Conference will be held at The Lodge of Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Reservations

Reservations can be made by phone at 888-265-5500 to speak to an on-site representative please call M-F 9 am - 4 pm.

The group rate is guaranteed until April 25, 2021. After that date, rooms will be sold at the going rate as available.

Traditional Rooms

The room rate for traditional rooms, which are located anywhere on the property and assigned upon arrival by the front desk, is \$106.

Specific Rooms

There is a \$20 upgrade fee if you'd like to be guaranteed a specific room type or location on the property.

Condos

If you'd like to stay in the condos near the main lodge, please contact the lodge directly for rate information.

Credit Cards

If you use a credit card to make your room reservation, your card will only be held to guarantee the reservation. (The Lodge no longer automatically charges for one night.) Upon check-in, there will be a \$50 per day pre-authorization on credit cards for incidentals. If a debit card is being used, the \$50 per day is processed then credited at check-out.

Tax Exemption

Hotel costs are tax exempt with a letter or purchase order from your municipality.

Dining

To enhance your dining experience, The Lodge of Four Seasons has added family friendly menu options and extended its restaurant hours to accommodate conference attendees. If you encounter any difficulties, please bring them to the attention of Jean Harmison, Executive Secretary, or Judge Ardie Bland, Conference Chair, or Steve Sanders, Facilities Chair. We will do our best to resolve any issues that may arise.

Golf

Tee times for Golf, May 26-28, after 12 noon, including cart and with range access are offered at The Cove and The Ridge. Make reservations 48 hours in advance and reference the conference to receive the special conference prices. Attendee conference badges must be presented at golf check-in.

Additional Activities

For your recreation, the following items are available at an additional cost. Please make your reservations well in advance.

- Trap Shooting
- Spa Shiki Salon
- Boat rental and fishing guide
- Wave runner rental
- Parasailing
- Kidtopia(for children)