

THE 30TH ANNUAL
EVELYN GANDY
LECTURE SERIES

JAN. 27 & 28, 2023

MERIDIAN, MS | THE RILEY CENTER | THREEFOOT HOTEL

Agenda:

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Social

Friday, January 27, 2023

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Registration and Lunch (Grand Lobby)

1:00 – 1:15 pm Welcome (Historic Theater)

1:15 – 2:15 pm **Let's Get Updated** (Historic Theater)

Updates from our Bench & Bar. Join us for updates from a representative of the following: our Mississippi Bar, our Mississippi trial courts, our Mississippi appellate courts, and our Mississippi district courts

Justice Dawn Beam, Mississippi Supreme Court

Judge Sharion Aycock, U.S. District Court Northern District of Mississippi

Judge Veldore Young Graham, Lauderdale County Court

Deanne Mosley, Executive Director The Mississippi Bar

2:15 – 2:30 pm Break

2:30 – 3:30 pm Breakout Sessions

She Ran:

A panel of elected judges discussing their recent campaign process, from start to finish.

Judge Virginia Carlton, Presiding Judge on the Mississippi Court of Appeals
(District 4, Place 1),

Judge Cynthia Brewer, Chancery Court Judge (11th District)

Alison Baker, Harrison County Court Judge

She's on Board:

A conversation about the tools we need to succeed when serving on a board. Many lawyers accept positions on non-profit boards to support causes they believe in or to further their personal, professional, and philanthropic goals, and are not prepared for the conflicts and other professional issues that may

confront them during their board service. Join us for this conversation about paths to the boardroom, board expectations, and board responsibilities,

Judge Latrice Westbrook, Mississippi Court of Appeals

Margaret Oertling Cupples, Managing Partner at Bradley Arant Boult
Cummings's Jackson office

Mary Largent Purvis, Director of Legal Analysis and Communication at
Mississippi College School of Law.

Moderator: Jenny Tyler Baker

The Cannabis Codes

A discussion about Mississippi's new medical marijuana laws with women lawyers on the forefront of this new industry.

Marcy Croft, Mockingbird

Kelly Williams, Kelly's Green

3:30 – 3:45 pm Break

3:45 – 4:45 pm Breakout Sessions

The Defenders: A viewing of the documentary “The Defenders: How Lawyers Protected the Movement”

During the civil rights movement, three of the only four Black lawyers in Mississippi were joined by attorneys from around the country to work on civil rights cases. Lawyers from The NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) were dispatched to work on cases where Black people were unfairly jailed or killed. Constance Baker Motley, who in 1966 became the nation's first African American woman to serve as a federal judge, was one of those lawyers. Another lawyer featured is lawyer Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president emerita of the Children's Defense Fund. Edelman was the first African American woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 1964, then began practicing law with the NAACP Legal Fund's Mississippi office.

The Litigators: Female Litigators in a Male-Dominated Industry.

Women who are the definition of experienced litigators in this session will dive into their experiences and their suggestions for female lawyers litigating in a male-dominated industry.

Sheila Bossier, Bossier & Associates

Amanda Alexander Taylor, Quintairos, Prieto, Wood, & Boyer, P.A.

Rebecca Wiggs, Butler Snow

Using Interpreters: The use of language interpreters in law practice.

This presentation will discuss the considerations you should make when language barriers arise in your practice. The Mississippi Court Interpreter Credentialing Program has been developed by the Administrative Office of

Courts in order to assist Mississippi courts in their endeavor to provide equal access to justice for limited English proficiency individuals.

Deenie Miller, Language Access Coordinator for Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts.

5:00 pm Happy Hour Networking (The Boxcar)

6:00 pm Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, January 28, 2022

8:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 am **The Gandy Hour: The Life and Career of Evelyn Gandy**
We will revisit the legacy of Lt. Governor Gandy and view some of the special historical pieces from her personal collection.

Attorney General Lynn Fitch
Jennifer Ingram Johnson, Civil Solutions

9:30 – 9:45 am Break

9:45 – 10:45 am **The West Hour: A Stressful Profession: Purposeful Approaches for a Healthier Practice (Professionalism/Ethics Hour)**

This panel will discuss the stress and vicarious trauma often present in our profession and the ways we can purposefully respond. The discussion will include the work of the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program and how LJAP can help, Ole Miss law school's new initiatives including the Student Wellness Program and Well-Being Pledge for Employers, and we will be given some tools and techniques to promote nervous system resilience by incorporating breathing practices, mindfulness training and yoga principles.

Dean Susan Duncan, University of Mississippi School of Law
Bonnie Bridgers Smith, Bridgers Smith, PLLC
Courtney Taylor Trawick, Owner of Wild Soul Yoga

10:45 – 11:00 am Break

11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Looking Forward: From DNA & Drug Tests to Digital Footprints & Podcasts - How the Accessibility of Advances in Science and Technology is Impacting the Practice of Law.**

Kassie Coleman, 10th Circuit Court District Attorney,
Brandy Jones, Owner of Capital DNA Testing,

12:00 – 12:15 pm Closing Remarks

Lunch on your own and optional activities