

# 2021 MISSISSIPPI SPRING PROSECUTORS CONFERENCE

**APRIL 28-30, 2021**

**Golden Nugget Biloxi**

*Hosted by the Mississippi Prosecutors' Association and the Mississippi Attorney General's Office*

## **VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COORDINATORS**

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28**

8:00                      **Registration**  
Round Island Ballroom

8:00                      **Light Breakfast Provided for MPA Board and Legislative  
Committee Members**  
Grand Ballroom

8:30-9:45              **Legislative Committee Meeting**  
Ship Island              *Hal Kittrell, Co-Chair*  
Ballroom                  *District Attorney, 15th Circuit Court District  
Columbia, MS*

*Jacque Purnell, Co-Chair*  
*Assistant District Attorney, 20th Circuit Court District  
Brandon, MS*

8:30-9:45              **Municipal-County-Youth Court Committee**  
Horn Island              *Jay Chain, Lafayette County Prosecutor*  
Ballroom                  *Oxford Municipal Prosecutor*  
*Oxford, MS*

9:45-11:00            **MPA Board Meeting**  
Ship Island              *Cherie Wade, MPA President*  
Ballroom                  *Assistant District Attorney, 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court District  
Pascagoula, MS*

11:00-11:45           **Lunch Provided for Board and Committee Members**  
Ship Island  
Ballroom

- 11:45-12:00  
Grand Ballroom     **Welcome**  
*Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch*
- Cherie Wade, MPA President*  
*Assistant District Attorney, 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court District*  
*Pascagoula, MS*
- 12:00-1:00  
Grand Ballroom     **Mississippi Department of Public Safety Update**  
*Sean J. Tindell, Commissioner*  
*Col. Randy Ginn, Assistant Commissioner*  
*Keith Davis, Deputy Commissioner*  
*Col. Steven Maxwell, MBN Director*  
*Lora Hunter, MOHS Director*  
*Mac May, Chief Counsel*  
*Mississippi Department of Public Safety*  
*Jackson, MS*
- 1:00-2:00  
Grand Ballroom     **Mississippi Legislative Update**  
*Hal Kittrell, District Attorney, 15<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court District*  
*Columbia, MS*
- Kassie Coleman, District Attorney, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court District*  
*Meridian, MS*
- 2:00-2:15            **Break**
- 2:15-3:15  
Grand Ballroom     **Securing Better Outcomes in Domestic Violence Cases - A Discussion of the Role of Lethality Assessments in Increased Safety and Accountability**  
*Heather P. Wagner, Attorney at Law, The Wagner Group, LLC*  
*Luke Thompson, Former Chief, Byram Police Department*  
*Rebecca Stewart, Executive Director, Domestic Abuse Family Shelter*  
*Priscilla Pitts, Deputy, Jones County Sheriff's Office*

3:15-4:15                    **Bureau of Victim Assistance Update**  
Cat Island                    *LaChelle Clemons, Director, Victim Compensation Division*  
Ballroom                    *Amanda Jasper, Victim Advocate*  
   *Bureau of Victim Assistance*  
   *Mississippi Attorney General's Office*

4:15-5:15                    **VAC Meet & Greet**  
Cat Island  
Ballroom

5:15                            **MPA Elections**  
Grand Ballroom

6:30 – 8:30                **Reception**  
Pool Area

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29**

7:00-8:00                **Breakfast**  
The Buffet

8:00-9:00                **VAC Roundtable**  
Cat Island                    *Raina Anderson, Special Assistant Attorney General*  
Ballroom                    *Prosecutor & Law Enforcement Training Division*  
   *Mississippi Attorney General's Office*

9:00-10:00               **Mental Health, A Personal Perspective**  
Grand Ballroom            *Leonard J. Papania*  
   *Law Enforcement and Community Outreach Liaison*  
   *Legal Department, Oceans Healthcare*

10:00-10:15              **Break**

10:15-12:15              **Marijuana in Mississippi**  
Grand Ballroom            *Deena Ryerson, DUI II Resource Prosecutor*  
   *Oregon Department of Justice*  
   *Salem, Oregon*

1:00

**Golf Tournament**

**Shell Landing Golf Club**

*3499 Shell Landing Boulevard, Gautier, MS*

*Contact: Josh Wise, Assistant District Attorney*

*1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court District, Tupelo, MS*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30**

7:00-8:00

**Breakfast**

The Buffet

8:00-10:00

**Write It So They Read It**

Grand Ballroom

*Mandi Stanley, Certified Speaking Professional*

*Madison, MS*

10:00-10:15

**Break**

10:15-11:30

**The Tupelo Ricin Case**

Grand Ballroom

*Clay Joyner, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi*

*Steve Thomason, Special Agent, FBI*

*United States Attorney's Office, Northern District*

*Oxford, MS*

11:30-12:30

**Ethics**

Grand Ballroom

*John Herzog, Assistant District Attorney*

*4th Circuit Court District*

*Greenville, MS*



*Lynn Fitch*  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

