

2016 MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES CONFERENCE
Wichita Marriott Hotel

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

4:00-6:00 p.m.	Conference Registration	Foyer
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Ballroom
7:00 p.m.	Kansas Municipal Judges Association (KMJA) Welcome Suite	Suite 205

MONDAY, APRIL 18

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Conference Registration	Foyer
7:30-8:30 a.m.	KMJA Executive Board Meeting	Sedgwick
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Wichita Ballroom
8:30 am	WELCOME: Hon. Fred W. Johnson, President, Kansas Municipal Judges Association	Ballroom

8:40-10:55 a.m. **INTUITIONS, IMPLICIT JUDGMENTS AND DECISION-MAKING IN THE COURTROOM**
 Professor Jeffrey J. Rachlinski, Cornell School of Law

Human judgment arises two types of mental process, intuition and deliberation. Although both processes are essential to good judgment and human intuition is surprisingly accurate, people commonly rely too heavily on intuition alone. Judgments made in the courtroom are no different. Research on judges demonstrates that judges implicitly use intuition to evaluate legal issues, even when it leads them to make judgments that are erroneous or hard to defend. This can be particularly troublesome when invidious unconscious biases about the race or gender of parties are the source of intuitive judgments. This session will review the evidence and research on how unconscious, or implicit, sources of intuition can affect judgment in the courtroom and beyond, and how to facilitate more deliberative, and more accurate judgments.

(Break at 9:30 – 9:40 a.m.)

10:55-11:05 a.m.	Break	
11:05-11:55 a.m.	BONDS Hon. Katherine McElhinney, Olathe	Ballroom

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Judge McElhinney will outline the requirements Kansas municipal judges should follow when setting bonds. What are the different kinds of bonds that are acceptable? When can a municipal judge forfeit a bond? What is the procedure? What, if any, sureties or bonding companies do municipal judges have to allow? Is there a process for the approval of sureties? When do sureties get to relinquish or surrender bonds and what is the procedure? What happens to a bond once a case has been adjudicated?

Noon	Luncheon and KMJA Business Meeting	Ballroom
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MONDAY, APRIL 18 (continued)

- 1:15-2:30 p.m. **ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MUNICIPAL APPEALS, AND THEN SOME**
Hon. Karen Torline, Roeland Park
- Judge Torline will discuss all aspects of municipal appeals, including notice to defendants, setting bonds, and what happens in district court that controls whether the case will come back to municipal court.*
- 2:30-2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45-3:35 p.m. **DRIVERS SOLUTIONS UPDATE**
Jessica Ross, Drivers Solutions Manager, Division of Motor Vehicles
- An overview of recent legislation regarding DMV procedures. Time will be allotted for questions from participants.*
- 3:35-3:45 p.m. Break
- 3:45-5:00 p.m. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND NUTS AND BOLTS SESSION**
- Moderator:* Hon. Brenda Stoss, Salina
- Panelists:* Hon. John Barker, Abilene
Hon. Ted Griffith, Wichita
Hon. Jason Maxwell, Liberal
Hon. Debra Anderson, Almena
- This session will begin with a review of the 2016 legislative bills of interest to municipal courts. The panel will then discuss questions submitted from conference participants regarding proper municipal court procedures. The panel will discuss these questions and provide feedback to judges regarding specific problem areas.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast Wichita Ballroom
- 9:00-10:50 a.m. **CELL PHONE DISTRACTED DRIVING –** Ballroom
A NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY EPIDEMIC
Hon. Fred W. Johnson, Oswego
David Teater, Spring Lake, MI
- This program will address the following:*
- *Kansas distracted driving law.*
 - *The serious threat of vehicle crashes and their impact on society.*
 - *The science of driver distraction and how mobile device use while driving degrades driver performance.*
- (Break at 9:50 – 10:00 a.m.)
- 10:50-11:00 a.m. Break

