

**2017 MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES CONFERENCE**  
**Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 24**

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Conference Registration	Emerald Foyer
7:30-8:30 a.m.	KMJA Executive Board Meeting	River Room
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Shawnee Ballroom
8:30 a.m.	<b>WELCOME:</b> Hon. Katie McElhinney, President, Kansas Municipal Judges Association	Emerald Ballroom
8:40-10:55 a.m.	<b>EVIDENCE ISSUES IN TRAFFIC COURT</b> Hon. Steven Smith, District Judge, Bryan, Texas	Emerald Ballroom

*This presentation will focus on evidentiary issues that arise in traffic cases. Case law will be discussed, and participants will be given suggestions on how to confidently and correctly rule on admissibility of evidence.*

(Break at 9:30 – 9:40 a.m.)

10:55-11:10 a.m.	Break	
11:10 a.m.-Noon.	<b>PROVIDING EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS IN CASES INVOLVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b> Hon. Jerry J. Bowles (Ret.), Louisville, Kentucky	Emerald Ballroom

*This session will provide a framework for improving interventions in cases where intimate partner violence and coercive control are present. The discussion will focus on abusers' tactics and behavior, the counter intuitive responses by domestic violence victims, effective judicial interventions and procedural justice response. The session will contextualize these concepts within the realities specific to domestic violence cases and provide practical strategies for overcoming their challenges.*

Noon	Luncheon and KMJA Business Meeting	Shawnee Ballroom
1:15-2:05 p.m.	<b>PROVIDING EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS IN CASES INVOLVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (continued)</b>	Emerald Ballroom

2:05-2:15 p.m. Break

2:15-3:05 p.m.	<b>DRIVERS SOLUTIONS UPDATE</b> Driver Solutions, Kansas Department of Revenue Michele Chavez, Manager Lacey Black, Supervisor Janelle Robinson, Supervisor	Emerald Ballroom
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*An overview of recent legislation regarding DMV procedures. Time will be allotted for questions from participants.*

3:05-3:25 p.m. Break

**MONDAY, APRIL 24 (Continued)**

3:25-4:40 p.m. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND NUTS AND BOLTS SESSION** Emerald Ballroom  
*Facilitator:* Hon. Brenda Stoss, Salina  
*Panelists:* Hon. John Barker, Grandview Plaza  
Hon. Ken Lamoreaux, Waterville  
Hon. Jason Geier, Topeka  
Hon. Ted Griffith, Wichita

*This session will begin with a review of the 2017 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 25**

8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast Shawnee Ballroom

9:00-9:50 a.m. **PRO SE LITIGANTS: PROVIDING GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE WITHOUT GIVING LEGAL ADVICE** Emerald Ballroom  
Hon. Katie McElhinney, Olathe  
Nicole Armstrong, Municipal Court Manager, Lenexa

*Court staff field questions from defendants and the public on a daily basis. However, the line between good customer service and giving legal advice is not always easy to spot. This program will help define what "legal advice" consists of, the legal ramifications to both the person giving and receiving legal advice, and, how court staff should respond to inquiries for legal advice.*

9:50-10:00 a.m. Break

10:00-10:50 a.m. **ISSUES INVOLVING INDIGENT DEFENDANTS** Emerald Ballroom  
*Moderator:* Hon. Karen Torline, Edgerton  
*Panelists:* Hon. Maurice Ryan, Kansas City  
Hon. Jason Maxwell, Sublette  
Hon. Amie Bauer, Moundridge

*This program will look at the meaning of "indigence" and how this determination impacts court proceedings, including – requests for public defenders, bonds, diversion/probation, restitution, and punishment.*

10:50-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00-11:50 a.m. **ISSUES INVOLVING INDIGENT DEFENDANTS (continued)** Emerald Ballroom

11:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch Shawnee Ballroom

1:00-1:50 p.m. **JUDICIAL ETHICS** Emerald Ballroom  
Hon. Jason Ashford, State Court Judge, Houston County, Georgia

*This two-hour multimedia presentation will discuss judicial ethics as it relates to drunk driving cases. Topics include expert testimony, model rules for the judiciary, and best practices for judges dealing with these cases. Learn specific tools and techniques to handle these cases without violating ethical and judicial standards.*

1:50-2:00 p.m. Break

2:00-2:50 p.m. **JUDICIAL ETHICS (continued)** Emerald Ballroom

2:50 p.m. **CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**