

2018 MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES CONFERENCE
Wichita Marriott

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Conference registration
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Welcome reception
- 7:00 p.m. Kansas Municipal Judges Association (KMJA) welcome suite

MONDAY, APRIL 23

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Conference registration
- 7:00-8:00 a.m. KMJA executive board meeting
- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. **WELCOME:**
Hon. Amie Bauer, President, Kansas Municipal Judges Association

- 8:10-10:00 a.m. **SEARCH & SEIZURE**
Hon. Earl Penrod (Retired), Princeton, Indiana

In the last several years, the United States Supreme Court has handed down a number of cases addressing search and seizure issues that directly impact traffic and impaired driving enforcement. This session will provide an overview of the most recent and significant Fourth Amendment related Supreme Court decisions that directly and practically impact traffic and impaired driving cases. In addition to an examination of the specific decisions from the Supreme Court, there will be discussion about the practical impact of these decisions in traffic courts across the country.

(Break 9:00-9:10 a.m.)

- 10:00-10:10 a.m. Break
- 10:10-12:00 p.m. **MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**
Hon. Stephen Goss, Albany, Georgia

Litigants with mental health issues appear with increasing frequency in courts all around the country. Judge Goss will discuss how to identify litigants who may have mental health issues and practical tips on dealing with them. He will also discuss best practices that have been developed related to this subject.

(Break 11:00-11:10 a.m.)

- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Luncheon and KMJA business meeting
- 1:00-2:50 p.m. **COURTROOM DECORUM**
Hon. Thomas Donnelly, Associate Judge, Circuit Court, Cook County

What resources does a judge have under the law to keep his/her courtroom under control? Participants will learn to analyze courtroom situations involving disrespectful or disruptive court staff, lawyers, and litigants and apply appropriate strategies to address the bad behavior. Participants will also be able to identify the principles of procedural fairness and practically apply these principles in court proceedings. Procedural fairness techniques will aid the participants in preventing disruptive or disrespectful behavior from occurring in the first place.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 23 (continued)

2:50-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-4:50 p.m. ***RUNNING YOUR COURTROOM***
Facilitator: Hon. Robin Lewis, Gardner
Panelists: Hon. Ted Griffith, Wichita
Hon. Karen Torline, Edgerton
Hon. Katherine McElhinney, Olathe

The "devil is in the details." Now that you are a municipal court judge, what do you need to do to run an effective court and not run afoul of the law? This session will address some of those details that all municipal court judges face, such as, compliance with state laws regarding fingerprinting of defendants, submitting required reports to the KBI, Driver's Solutions and OJA, and making sure that your actions are in step with that higher authority – the constitution.

(Break 3:50-4:00 p.m.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30-10:20 a.m. ***LEGISLATIVE UPDATE / NUTS & BOLTS SESSION***
Facilitator: Hon. Brenda Stoss, Salina
Panelists: Hon. John Barker, Abilene
Hon. Timothy Fielder, Girard
Hon. Douglas Bigge, Plainville
Hon. Brandelyn Nichols-Brajkovic, Kansas City

This session will begin with a review of the 2018 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.

(Break 9:20-9:30 a.m.)

10:20-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30-11:20 a.m. ***DRIVER SOLUTIONS UPDATE***
Lacy Black, Supervisor, Drivers Solutions, Division of Motor Vehicles
Janelle Robinson, Supervisor, Drivers Solutions, Division of Motor Vehicles

An overview of recent legislation regarding DMV procedures. Time will be allotted for questions from participants.

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:30-2:20 p.m. ***JUDICIAL ETHICS***
Hon. Phyllis Kotey (Retired), Miami, Florida

This session will focus on a variety of judicial ethics topics covered by Supreme Court rule 601B of the Kansas Code of Judicial Conduct. Judge Kotay will discuss and review provisions of the Code related to matters that include ethical challenges for judges in the new era of social networking, serving on boards and committees, and ex parte communications.

(Break 1:20-1:30 p.m.)

2:30 p.m. ***CONFERENCE ADJOURNS***