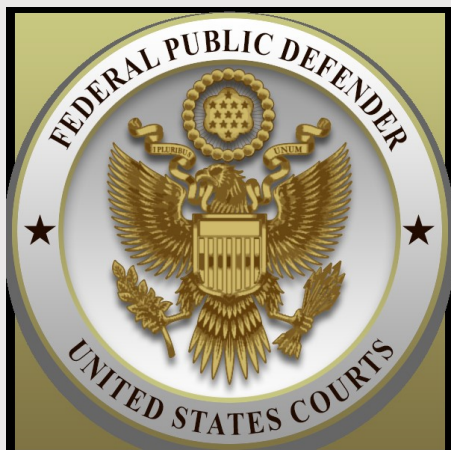




AGENDA

8:30 – 8:45, Welcome

Hon. Kristi H Johnson

8:45 – 10:00, Electronic Searches

Scott Gilbert, CJA Panel Atty.

10:00 – 10:15

Morning Break

10:15 – 11:30, Guideline Updates

Alan Dorhoffer, USSC

11:30 – 12:45

Lunch on your own

12:45 – 2:00, Cross-examination

Omodare Jupiter, FPD

2:00 – 3:00, Immigration Issues

Christian Medina

3:00 - 3:15

Afternoon break

3:15 - 4:00, Mitigation

Abby Edwards, Lela Hubbard

4:00 - 5:00, Ethics: Guilty Pleas

Chris Smith, CJA Panel Atty.

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Hon. Kristi H. Johnson is a United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. Judge Johnson earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Mississippi and her Juris Doctorate, *summa cum laude*, from Mississippi College School of Law, where she served as an Executive Editor of the Mississippi College Law Review. Upon graduation, Judge Johnson served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Sharon Aycock of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi and to Judge Leslie H. Southwick of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She worked at Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart and later served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi. Judge Johnson has also served as an adjunct professor at Mississippi College School of Law. On February 24, 2020, Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch appointed Johnson the first Solicitor General of Mississippi. She left her position as Solicitor General after appointed a federal judge. Judge Johnson is the first woman to serve as an Article III federal judge in the Southern District of Mississippi.

J. Scott Gilbert was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 2006, and the Texas Bar in 2017. Scott practices primarily in the areas of white-collar criminal defense, asset forfeiture litigation, criminal appellate litigation, criminal and civil healthcare litigation, False Claims Act litigation, and governmental and corporate investigations. He is an adjunct professor at Mississippi College School of Law, where he teaches Federal Criminal Practice and Asset Forfeiture Law. Before joining Watkins & Eager, Scott served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the Southern District of Mississippi. While with DOJ, Scott was a frequent lecturer on money laundering and asset forfeiture at the Department of Justice training facility in Columbia, South Carolina. Scott also spent time at "Main Justice" in Washington, D.C. managing the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering program for the 94 United States Attorney's offices.

Alan Dorhoffer is the Deputy Director of the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice at the United States Sentencing Commission. He has been the Chair of numerous policy teams and also served on many policy development teams. Furthermore, he analyzes U.S. Supreme Court, appellate court, and district court decisions interpreting the federal sentencing guidelines. Alan was an Adjunct Professor at the George Mason School of Law and has also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Edmund A. Sargus in Columbus, Ohio. He is a graduate of Binghamton University in New York and the George Washington University School of Law.

Omodare Jupiter has been the Federal Public Defender for the Northern & Southern Districts of Mississippi since April 1, 2019 and was the Federal Public Defender for the U.S. Virgin Islands for the six years preceding that. Prior to that appointment, he was an Assistant Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Mississippi. He is a frequent speaker at training seminars around the country for criminal defense attorneys practicing in federal courts. Omodare earned his undergraduate degree from Loyola University of New Orleans and his J.D. from Howard University School of Law.

Christian Medina is a partner at Danks, Miller, & Cory. He joined the law firm in 2018. Christian is originally from Lenorah, Texas. He received his associate's degree in 2012 from Midland College. He then transferred to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin graduating cum laude and receiving his degrees in political science and history in 2015. He then attended Mississippi College School of Law where he was a member of the Moot Court Board. He graduated cum laude from Mississippi College School of Law in May of 2018. Christian is fluent in both English and Spanish. He is licensed to practice in the State of Mississippi. Christian's practice is focused primarily on Immigration and Nationality Law, Family Law and Criminal Law.

Abby Brumley Edwards received her undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi prior to receiving her J.D. from Mississippi College in 2005. Before becoming First Assistant Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Mississippi, she clerked for the Mississippi Court of Appeals. She is also a graduate of the National Criminal Defense College.

Lela Hubbard received her master's degree from Jackson State University School of Social Work in 1998, and continued to work in both Behavioral Health and Family Services. From 2006-2020, she worked as a mitigation specialist in the MS Office of Capital Defense. Lela has served as faculty at both local and national training conferences. Lela was chosen as the recipient of the 2021 Muhammed-White Award for her excellence in mitigation over the course of her career. Lela has been a mitigation specialist with the Federal Public Defender's office since July 2023.

Chris Smith received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Mississippi, appearing on the Dean's List each semester. This was followed by receipt of his Juris Doctorate from the Mississippi College School of Law, where he was on the Dean's List and served as a Justice on the law school's Honor Court. He was also president of the Sports & Entertainment Law Society during his final year of law school. Prior to founding the firm with Morgan Holder, Chris served as an Assistant State Attorney in the Office of the State Attorney for the First Judicial District of Florida. He is a member of the Mississippi and Florida State Bar Associations, the Mississippi Association for Justice, the American Inns of Court, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Harrison County Bar Association.