



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
Southern District of Mississippi  
Office of the Clerk

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**FOR IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE**

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, in partnership with the Office of the United States Attorney, announces the fifth annual Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent Act (“POWER”) CLE conference for attorneys. This year’s event is entitled “Using POWER Collaboration to Bring Awareness to Child Abuse Victim Resources, Human Trafficking Survivor Resources, and Drug Addiction Treatment Resources” and will be conducted **Thursday, September 28, 2023, from 1:30 pm until 4:00 pm** by video conference.

To ensure full CLE credit, attorneys should register at <https://www.mssd.uscourts.gov/content/power-act-cle-registration-form>.

The event will be hosted by Chief U. S. District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III. Featured speakers include: Assistant United States Attorney John Meynardie; F.B.I. Special Agent Molly Blythe; Sandy Middleton, Executive Director of the MS Center for Violence Prevention; Matt McMillan, Executive Director of Mercy House Adult and Teen Challenge; and Brandi Rae, Assistant Director, Wesley House. Topics will relate to methods to promote *pro bono* legal services relating to creating drug endangered children’s alliances in Mississippi communities, human trafficking, missing persons, and a means of engaging citizens in assisting members of the community faced with these issues.

Connection information is as follows:

***Topic: POWER Conference***

***Time: Sep 28, 2023 01:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)***

***Join ZoomGov Meeting***

***<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1605087153?pwd=Y3FiRG5rcHM1Z2VaTk11Y0JCS3pmZz09>***

***Meeting ID: 160 508 7153***

***Passcode: 380660***

The event is open to the public.

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