

**2008 BUSINESS REFORM COMMITTEES
MEETING OF THE BUSINESS COURT COMMITTEE**

**MAY 20, 2008
11:30 A.M.**

**Secretary of State's Office
700 North Street
Jackson, Mississippi**

AGENDA

1. Welcome – Cheryn Baker
2. Overview of Mission of Committee and Recognition of Legislators and Supreme Court Justices – C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr., Secretary of State
3. Introduction of Vice Chairs – Honorable Ed Pittman
4. Introduction of Secretary of State Staff – Cheryn Baker
5. Introduction of Panel Moderator 11:45 A.M. – Cheryn Baker
6. Program on Establishing a Business Court and Introduction of Panelists
 - a. Overview and Current Status of Business Courts Around the US
 - b. Resources Needed to Establish a Business Court
 - c. Benefits of Business Courts and Reasons They are Successful
 - d. Impact on Rest of Court System
 - e. Reaction of Business Community and Existing Judiciary
 - f. Common Objections and Responses
 - g. Jurisdiction of Business Courts
 - i. Mandatory or Optional
 - ii. Types of Cases Common to Business Courts
 - h. Judicial Selection and Qualifications
 - i. Use of Technology and Written Opinions
7. Presentation by Chief Justice Smith 12:30 P.M.
8. Program on Establishing a Business Court (Continued) 12:40 P.M.
9. Question and Answer Session
10. Committee Assignments and Upcoming Dates – Honorable Ed Pittman
11. Adjourn 1:00 P.M.