



## **FAQ for the 2026 California Pro Bono Conference proposals**

One Justice invites you to [submit a session proposal](#), as well as topic and speaker suggestions, for the 2026 California Pro Bono Conference. The Conference will be held on April 15, 2026, at the California Endowment in Oakland, California.

OneJustice welcomes a diversity of opinion and hearing different perspectives and voices. If you have more than one session proposal idea, please submit using multiple forms.

If after reviewing the FAQs, you have further questions, please contact [probonoconference@one-justice.org](mailto:probonoconference@one-justice.org).

### **What kind of proposals are we looking for?**

The proposals should have a clear link to pro bono legal services. Proposals should seek to generate a conversation about challenges or strategies facing folks in the pro bono sector and not be for the purpose of advertising a particular project, organization, or individual.

We encourage proposals that include a variety of perspectives on a particular strategy or challenge. We would love to see proposals that include technological solutions, data-based evaluations, or innovative collaborations. Collaborative presentations, from legal service providers, law firms, law schools, and others are welcome. If otherwise eligible, OneJustice staff will work with presenters to tailor the presentation to the goals of the conference.

Sessions at the conference tend to focus on one or more of the following topics:

- Pro Bono's Role in Access to Justice
- Community Legal Needs as a Driver of Pro Bono Legal Services
- Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility in Pro Bono Legal Services
- Pro Bono Legal Services for Special Populations
- Technology in Pro Bono Legal Services
- Training and Development for Pro Bono Volunteers and Legal Services Staff

### **What format of presentation is preferred?**

There is no specific preferred format, other than that the conference aims to foster conversation and communication. Ideally there would be some element of discussion as part of your proposal.



To ensure adequate time for conversation (and enough speaking time for presenters), please limit your proposal to no more than 3 presenters.

For tips on how to craft an impactful presentation, see [this ABA Law Practice Podcast](#).

**When are the requests for proposals due?**

Proposals are due by the end of the day on October 10, 2025.

**When will I hear back about my proposal?**

All submissions will be contacted by mid-November. OneJustice staff may follow up as needed before then.

**Will virtual presentations be considered?**

All presentations will be in person in Oakland, California on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

**How long will the sessions be?**

Most sessions will be between 60 and 75 minutes.

**How will speakers register for the conference?**

All speakers are required to register for the conference. Speakers who are not already registered will be given a link to register for the conference at the early bird rate, even if the early bird deadline has passed.

**What to expect if your proposal is accepted?**

Submissions will be assigned to a OneJustice staff person who will facilitate the process. The OneJustice staff person will confirm all speakers are registered, determine whether or not the proposal is CLE eligible, ensure that all materials are submitted timely, and verify that all speakers have what they need for the presentation.

OneJustice reserves the right to suggest changes to the proposed presenters, program, and materials as needed. OneJustice may suggest merging similar proposals, if appropriate.