

FAQ for the 2027 California Pro Bono Conference Proposals

One Justice invites you to [submit a session proposal](#), as well as topic and speaker suggestions, for the 2027 California Pro Bono Conference.

The Conference will be held on April 15, 2027 at The California Endowment in Los Angeles, California. As in past years, the Conference remains a full day of learning and strategic conversations. New this year: the Conference will be preceded by facilitated networking activities and a welcome reception and celebration in the afternoon and evening of April 14, 2027. This RFP is specifically for session and workshop proposals for April 15 programming.

OneJustice welcomes a diversity of perspectives and voices. If you have more than one session proposal idea, please submit separately. If after reviewing the FAQs, you have further questions, please contact 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 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?

The conference aims to foster conversation and communication. We encourage elements of discussion as part of your proposal. However, there is no specific preferred or required format.

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 5:00pm Pacific on Friday, October 9, 2026.

When will I hear back about my proposal?

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

When and where will sessions take place? Will virtual presentations be considered?

All sessions and workshops will take place in person in Los Angeles, California on Thursday, April 15, 2027. There will not be opportunities for virtual or hybrid presentations.

How long will each session 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. Presenters who are only attending for the purpose of speaking at a specific workshop can apply for a waiver of the conference fee.

What to expect if your proposal is accepted?

Submissions will be assigned to a OneJustice staff member who will be reaching out to the proposal submitter. The assigned staff will be available for questions about speaker registration, CLE eligibility, and will be the point of contact regarding material submission and any day-of needs.

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