



**2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
JULY 21 – 25, 2019 ~ BELLAGIO HOTEL  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

**CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS DEADLINE TO  
SUBMIT PROPOSALS: November 7, 2018  
NOTIFICATION PERIOD: January 2019**

**Conference Theme:**

*“Courts and Society: Creating Public Trust Through Engagement and Innovation”*

**Proposal Guidelines:**

The conference will feature up to 6 plenary sessions and 40 educational workshops. NACM seeks proposals for sessions that align with the conference theme while also providing attendees with informative, engaging and interactive educational content, and practical takeaways that will benefit court professionals.

**Proposal Submission, Review, and Selection**

NACM will only accept proposals submitted via [NACM's Online Session Proposal Form](#). All proposals must be received by December 5, 2018. NACM may elect to extend this deadline and/or may choose to solicit proposals from potential presenters who did not submit them.

Each proposal will be evaluated for:

- knowledge and experience of presenter(s);
- alignment of topic to conference theme and the likely relevance of the topic to the audience;
- the degree to which a realistic and achievable approach has been proposed;
- opportunities for audience engagement;
- content being educational, and not commercial, in nature; and
- the level of interest generated by the topic.

Please review the [NACM Speaker Expectations, Information, and Tips](#) prior to submitting your proposal.

NACM supports the work of the State Justice Institute (SJI), and those submitting proposals should look for ways to advance [SJI's Priority Investment Areas](#).

**Deadline to submit proposals: December 3, 2018**

**Conference Theme:**

The Annual Conference theme is “*Courts and Society: Creating Public Trust Through Engagement and Innovation.*” Courts have a responsibility to serve the citizenry and in fact, society depends and expects the courts to provide an impartial judicial process as the third branch of government.

This Annual Conference will focus on improving the public's trust in courts through active engagement and innovation in the areas of:

- access and fairness;
- community engagement;
- indigent legal representation;
- problem-solving courts;
- mental health and substance use;
- civil justice improvement initiatives;
- workforce management; and
- technology

Addressing potential barriers to justice involving language, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity through active engagement and innovation enables a platform for court professionals to educate the public on how the justice system truly works. By creating innovative models that best fit each sector of local communities, courts may begin a dialogue to accomplish this goal. Partnering with community groups such as faith-based organizations, and local school boards provides a means for courts to engage with the public to improve public trust and engagement.

Innovation can be the conduit to improving access to justice. Providing access alternatives to reduce public travel to courthouses to obtain court services through technology is an avenue to accomplish such goals.

Creating public trust through engagement and innovation is more than an ideal; it requires action.

Court professionals share the responsibility of building strategic partnerships with the communities

we serve and must meet the challenges presented by our changing society and the demands placed upon us by our citizenry.