



National Association for Court Management
Strengthening Court Professionals

National Association for Court Management
2022 CONFERENCES
Call for Proposals

MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

**Resilience and Reinvention:
Transforming the Future of Courts**
FEBRUARY 20-22, 2022
BELLEVUE, WA 98004 *

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Courts Leading the Way in
Advancing Justice:
A Call to Action**
JULY 10-14, 2022
MILWAUKEE, WI 53203 *

* Please note: While conferences are planned to be onsite in conference facilities, world events may dictate moving to a virtual or hybrid format.

Proposal Guidelines

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. Details on the conference layout and theme follow below:

Midyear - The midyear conference will feature up to 4 plenary sessions and 10+ breakout workshops. The final number of sessions and breakouts is dependent on the length of sessions selected and site logistics. Generally, 250-300 participants attend the NACM Midyear Conference.

Annual - The annual conference will feature up to 6 plenary sessions and 30+ breakout workshops. The final number of sessions and breakouts is dependent

on the length of sessions selected and site logistics. Generally, 600-800 participants attend the NACM Annual Conference.

Proposal Submission, Review, and Selection

NACM will only accept proposals submitted via [NACM's Online Session Proposal Form](#). Proposals will be accepted for both the midyear and annual conferences on a continuing basis. **Midyear proposals** will be selected from submissions received prior to **October 4** with **annual conference proposals** received by **December 10**. NACM strives to notify presenters of their acceptance within 30-45 days of the close of the proposal period. NACM may elect to extend these deadlines and/or may choose to solicit proposals from potential presenters outside of this proposal process.

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 minimally commercial, in nature; and
- The level of interest generated by the topic.

Presenters must review the [NACM Presenter Expectations, Information & Tips](#) prior to submitting their 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](#) especially those highlighted in the list below. These include:

Opioids and Other Dangerous Drugs, and Behavioral Health Responses

- *Behavioral Health Disparities*

Promoting Access to Justice and Procedural Fairness

- *Self-Represented Litigants*
- *Language Access*
- *Procedural Fairness*

Reducing Disparities and Protecting Victims, Underserved, and Vulnerable Populations

- *Human Trafficking*
- *Rural Justice*
- *Guardianship, Conservatorship and Elder Issues*
- *Disparities in Justice*

Advancing Justice Reform

- *Criminal Justice Reform*
- *Juvenile Justice Reform*
- *Family and Civil Justice Reform*

Transforming Courts

- *Emergency Response and Recovery*
- *Cybersecurity*
- *Technology*
- *Training, Education and Workforce Development*

All NACM conferences demonstrate themes are built off the **NACM CORE**. If a core competency breakout workshop is proposed, workshop material should have the NACM Core Competency as the primary focus of the presentation and should address one or more of the learning objectives in the Core curriculum. These include the 13 competencies noted below; however, this conference will focus on the highlighted competencies:

- **Public Trust & Confidence**
- Purposes & Responsibilities
- Caseflow & Workflow
- **Operations Management**
- Public Relations
- Educational Development
- **Workforce Management**
- Ethics
- Budget & Fiscal Management
- Accountability & Court Performance
- **Leadership**
- Strategic Planning
- **Court Governance including Judicial Independence**

Conference Theme

The 2022 conference themes of *Resilience and Reinvention: Transforming the Future of Courts* and *Courts Leading the Way in Advancing Justice: A Call to Action* promote the concepts of resilience and justice reform. Both important concepts must come from within our courts across the globe.

The path ahead for courts will without a doubt have ups and downs and will require resilience. The disruption to courts nationwide has been significant, but many technological changes have been introduced, and though those changes, many efficiencies have been realized. Courts and court leaders must take charge of leading the way to advancing justice. As lockdowns are relaxed, and segments of the economy reopen, viral resurgences and unforeseen events will keep growth from being a straight line going up. It will likely be a lengthy process of preserving changes made and technological gains implemented over several months, if not years ahead. This produces a need to examine the trade-off between efficiency and resiliency. Courts will need to lead a call to action in advancing justice and transforming the future of courts.

In the present hour, two pressing questions remain before us: How do we continue to move forward in a way that upholds the vision of our Nation's Founders while faced with a major health crisis affecting virtually every facet of daily life, and how do we address the grievances of a significant portion of Americans who feel they are not being treated fairly or equally?

The National Association for Court Management promotes the sharing of best practices, innovations and insights on the management of our courts. NACM has the resources, tools and commitment to develop solutions.

The NACM Core Competencies will be emphasized with the curricula of Leadership, Operations Management, Public Trust and Confidence, Workforce Management and Governance as the focus. We will also put a high priority on the State Justice Institute's Investment Areas: Promoting Access to Justice and Procedural Fairness, Reducing Disparities and Protecting Victims, Underserved, and Vulnerable Populations, Advancing Justice Reform and Transforming Courts.

Our 2022 conferences will focus on the following themes:

- Creative Uses of Technology and social media to ensure court users their day in court and right to a jury trial.

- Socially Responsible Behavior and Ethical Considerations in the wake of a Global Pandemic.
- Civil, Juvenile, Family and Criminal Case Reform to address systemic issues and barriers in access to equal justice and treatment for those who interact with the courts.
- Programs that Promote Racial Justice to judges and court professionals.
- Community Collaboration efforts to improve communication between courts, justice partners, and court participants.
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as core values for all judges and court staff promoting accountability for interactions and thought that benefit the court, the community and the profession.
- Promoting Employee Re-Engagement following pandemic workforce changes.
- All courts at every jurisdictional level play a vital role in transformation and reform.

NACM's goal is to educate attendees and the greater community of court professionals on best practices aimed to creating public trust and confidence in the courts. Through innovation and technological improvements, sharing of ideas, strategic partnerships and community engagement, our courts can provide meaningful access to justice.

Questions

Questions should be directed to the NACM Education Consultant at the National Center for State Courts: Jude Del Preore at jdelpreore@ncsc.org