



National Association for Court Management
Strengthening Court Professionals

National Association for Court Management
2023 CONFERENCES
Call for Proposals

MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

**Preserving the CORE:
It's All About Justice**
FEBRUARY 05-07, 2023
Minneapolis, MN 55403 *

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Fulfilling the Promise of
Justice for All Through Connection**
JULY 09-13, 2023
Tampa, FL 33602 *

* 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 12+ 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 and Annual proposals** will be selected from submissions received by **October 4, 2022**. 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 that 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

Fulfilling the Promise of Justice in America (Overarching Theme)

Transformational disruptive change is frequently discussed, but only rarely achieved. Yet, we have certainly seen disruptive change in our justice system over the past two years. This momentum for meaningful change in courts across the globe must be maintained.

NACM is committed to ensuring that court services and processes continue to improve through its conferences.

2023 Midyear Conference

The challenges courts face continue to upend society. NACM will address these challenges and Fulfilling the Promise of Justice in America through its two 2023 conferences. The 2023 Midyear Conference will be entitled: ***Preserving the CORE: It's All About Justice.***

The global pandemic and its variants have significantly disrupted nearly every aspect of American life, but courts have been particularly impacted. By their nature, courts bring people together on neutral ground to resolve disputes. Indeed, justice is a human endeavor that relies on human interaction.

While not exactly easy, pandemic adjustments to court processes have been mostly technical. But adaptive challenges unrelated to the pandemic have also emerged with the potential to threaten the rule of law.

Troubling instances of disproportional force used by law enforcement – some deadly and many captured on video - have reinvigorated public demonstrations to address racial bias in our justice system.

Hyper-partisanship precipitated unsuccessful attempts in court to challenge election results. The rule of law was violently defied by a mob that attempted to disrupt the certification of electoral votes by force.

Court professionals must recognize that normal was never good enough. We cannot go back, so instead we must forge a better future while maintaining Justice at the Core of our fundamental purpose. The Midyear will study this important theme and efforts across this nation to sustain justice.

2023 Annual Conference

The annual conference entitled ***Fulfilling the Promise of Justice for All through Connection*** will focus on Racial Justice and barriers to equity in our justice system. We must recognize that justice is not equally distributed. There are many perceived injustices based on race and ethnicity, socioeconomics, gender, and disability. Courts must be mindful of such barriers so that innovations and system improvements can be implemented.

What are current levels of public trust and confidence in the justice system, and how do systemic racism and societal inequities affect those levels? This conference will be looking at the historical and legal developments that brought us to the current system. We will also look to explore new approaches to delivering justice and fulfilling its promise.

Americans need to have confidence that the courts will deliver equal justice, and that rulings will be independent and fair-minded. Courts must be seen as the ultimate protector of America's promise of fairness, commitment to the rule of law and cornerstone of democracy. Our democracy depends on fair and independent courts to protect against abuses of power, provide checks and balances, and administer justice.

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, Strategic Planning, Public Trust and Confidence, and Governance (including Judicial Independence) 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 2023 conferences will focus on the following themes:

- Procedural Fairness: Courts must ensure fair processes and just outcomes for all court users. Operations that increase public trust and confidence must be a priority.
- Sustainable Justice: Courts accomplish their primary purpose of resolving disputes by holding parties accountable to court orders while promoting understanding of causes of conflict and working with the community at large to resolve them.
- 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.
- 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

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