

CALL FOR PAPERS
TRUSTS & ESTATES SECTION
2020 AALS ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 2-5, 2020 – WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Section on Trusts and Estates is pleased to announce a Call for Papers:

**“Estate Planning in the Modern Age: How Technology
and Societal Trends Change the Landscape”**

Selected papers will be presented at the Trusts & Estates Program Session at the 2020 AALS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. from January 2-5, 2020. The Trusts & Estates Program Session is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 4 at 8:30-10:15 a.m.

Program Description:

The law of trusts and estates is centuries old. But how should the law evolve to address modern technology and modern societal changes? This panel will evaluate the theories, policies and justifications supporting our current system of freedom of disposition and whether modern technological and societal changes warrant reevaluation and changes to this system. Potential topics include discussion of electronic wills, the impact of the Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act, the role of modern reproductive technology in estate planning, the impact of increasing blended families and new definitions of families, and the role of medical advancements for an aging population and the accompanying challenges in estate planning.

Eligibility:

Full-time faculty of AALS member schools or non-member fee-paid schools as of the submission deadline are eligible to submit papers. For co-authored papers, both authors must satisfy the eligibility criteria.

Submissions, due dates and method:

Submissions should be of abstracts between 250 and 1,000 words, inclusive of any footnotes. Scholarship may be at any stage of the publication process from work-in-progress to completed article, but if already published, scholarship may not be published any earlier than 2018. We welcome legal scholarship across a wide variety of methodological approaches, including empirical, doctrinal, socio-legal, critical, comparative, economic, and other approaches. Each potential speaker may submit only one abstract for consideration.

There are two submission due dates. The Section seeks detailed abstracts in late summer, with final papers due in late fall.

- The due date for detailed abstracts is **August 30, 2019**.
- The due date for final papers is **November 15, 2019**.

Abstracts and papers should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word format to: [Terri Lynn Helge at thelge@law.tamu.edu](mailto:TerriLynnHelge@law.tamu.edu). The subject line should read “**AALS Trusts & Estates Section CFP Submission.**” By submitting an abstract for consideration, you agree to attend the 2020 AALS Annual Meeting Trusts & Estates Program Session should your paper be selected for presentation.

Submission review, selection, conference attendance:

Abstracts and papers will be reviewed by members of the Section’s Executive Committee. Selected presenters will be announced by September 30, 2019. The Call for Paper presenters will be responsible for paying their own AALS registration fee, hotel, and travel expenses.

Inquiries or questions:

Any inquiries about the Call for Papers should be directed to Professor Terri Lynn Helge at thelge@law.tamu.edu, or (817) 212-3942 (w).