

The AALS Section on Trusts and Estates is pleased to announce a Call for Papers: “Recent Developments in Trusts and Estates.”

Selected papers will be presented at the Trusts & Estates Program Session at the 2021 AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco from January 5-9, 2021. (As of mid-April 2020, the AALS is still planning on holding the Meeting in person, although it is also exploring contingency plans in case it must be held remotely).

Program Description: Trusts and estates law, which has a reputation for evolving slowly, has entered a period of flux. Interdisciplinary scholarship has brought critical, empirical, historical, sociological lenses to bear on the field. Technology has raised questions about topics such as the probate process, the definition of “property,” and the formalities required to transmit property after death. Finally, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented new challenges for courts, litigants, fiduciaries, and estate planners. This panel will explore these and related developments.

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stage of the publication process from work-in-progress to completed article, but if already published, scholarship may not be published any earlier than 2020. We welcome legal scholarship across a wide variety of methodological 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, 2020**.
- The due date for final papers is **November 15, 2020**.

Abstracts and papers should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word format to David Horton at dohorton@ucdavis.edu. The subject line should read “**AALS Trusts & Estates Section CFP Submission.**” By submitting an abstract for consideration, you agree to attend the 2021 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, 2020. 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 David Horton at the contact information noted above.