

**Call for Proposals: Teaching in the Crosshairs: Attacks on DEI and the
Future of Legal Pedagogy
2025 AALS Annual Meeting**

The AALS Section on Law Professors with Disabilities and Allies is hosting a program called “Teaching in the Crosshairs: Attacks on DEI and the Future of Legal Pedagogy” at the 2025 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. This session is co-sponsored by the following sections: Disability Law, Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Issues, Women In Legal Education, and Law & Mental Disability Law.

Scholars are invited to submit a 400-600 word description of what they would like to discuss. The proposal should relate in some way to the following program description:

As attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts intensify, law school classrooms have become an ideological battleground. Initiatives to build more inclusive and representative learning environments are met with legal challenges, political backlash, and even threats to the academic freedom of individual professors. This panel convenes law faculty to share candid firsthand accounts of how the assault on DEI affects their teaching, scholarship, and efforts to prepare students for an increasingly diverse legal landscape. Panelists will discuss the pedagogical importance of DEI, strategies for navigating the current climate, and visions for a legal education that truly embraces equity and representation as core values. Attendees will gain insights into the evolving challenges and opportunities for DEI in the law school classroom and the vital role of faculty leadership in safeguarding inclusive teaching and learning.

Please submit an email with your proposal to Robyn Powell at rpowell3@law.stetson.edu on or before August 2, 2024.