



Call for Proposals

Eleventh Biennial Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling

June 2 – 4, 2027

Hosted by University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law

This is the call for proposals for the eleventh biennial conference on Applied Legal Storytelling. We are offering two deadlines for submitting proposals: **October 16, 2026** (priority deadline) and **December 11, 2026** (extended deadline).

About the Conference

The Applied Legal Storytelling Conference brings together academics, judges, other lawmakers, practitioners, and any other type of legal storyteller. The conference has previously convened in 2007 (London), 2009 (Portland), 2011 (Denver), 2013 (London), 2015 (Seattle), 2017 (Washington D.C.), 2019 (Boulder), 2021 (Virtual/Mercer), 2023 (London), and 2025 (Ann Arbor).

Applied Legal Storytelling (AppLS) examines the use of stories, storytelling, or narrative elements in law practice, legal education, and the law. This definition is intentionally broad to allow creativity in both thinking about and presenting on the topic. Examples may include: the ways in which fiction-writing techniques or narrative theory can inform legal storytelling; stories in the law, or law as stories; legal storytelling and metaphor; client story advocacy; legal storytelling and cognitive science; and ethical considerations in legal storytelling. Undoubtedly there are many other avenues to explore.

In an effort to continue the storytelling conversation for this eleventh conference, and to welcome new attendees, we are providing **resources** for those interested in submitting a proposal and who wish to generate ideas or respond to the existing scholarship. The first is a [list of topics from past conferences](#). The second is a link to the [second Applied Legal Storytelling bibliography](#), including articles that have emerged from previous storytelling conferences. Finally, there are also articles included in this [Monograph double volume](#), dedicated to the topic (scroll down to Volumes 10 and 11). We are also happy to answer questions and offer you suggestions—if you are a newcomer and interested in becoming involved, please reach out.

Presentation Formats

The conference will include 50-minute and 25-minute time slots. For the 50-minute time slots, we welcome interactive, panel or roundtable presentation proposals, as well as other format types. The 25-minute time slots are intended for solo or paired presenters with time reserved for audience questions. On the proposal form, please indicate either a preference for a particular format or your willingness that we accept your proposal in any of the formats and time constraints.

Submitting a Proposal

We welcome and encourage proposals from faculty, lawmakers, and practitioners engaged in a variety of disciplines and from schools and organizations around the world. Complete the Proposal Form found here:

<https://forms.gle/Go6Eevf6vECFNhws6>.

We ask for a concise summary (60 words maximum) for use in the conference program, as well as a narrative description of your proposal for selection purposes (500 words maximum).

Deadlines

To allow greater flexibility for those interested in submitting a proposal, the Program Committee has established two submission deadlines:

- The Priority Deadline for submissions is **October 16, 2026**, by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (October 17, 2026, by 2:59 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time). The

Program Committee will review all proposals received by this date by late November.

- The Committee will also consider proposals submitted by the Extended Deadline, **December 11, 2026**, by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (December 12, 2026, by 2:59 a.m. Eastern Standard Time), and will review these proposals by the first week of February.

Selection process

The Program Committee will review the proposals and respond according to the submission date. Those who submitted proposals by the Priority Deadline (Oct. 16) will be notified by late November if their proposal has been accepted. Those who submitted their proposal by the Extended Deadline (Dec. 11), will be notified by early February.

Conference Details

All selected presenters will be expected to present in person. Additionally, presenters will be required to pay the conference registration fee and cover their own costs for travel and accommodation. We encourage creativity in presentation formats! Like previous AppLS conferences, this conference will be collegial, inclusive, and supportive of your work.

Dates. The conference will take place June 2 – 4, 2027, at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

The 2027 conference will begin with a reception late in the afternoon or early in the evening of June 2. The next two days, June 3 and 4, will be devoted to a plenary session and presentations given in concurrent sessions. The conference will conclude with a conference dinner on June 4.

Details about hotels, conference registration, and more will be available on the conference website as soon as they are available.

<https://www.lwionline.org/conferences/11th-biennial-applied-legal-storytelling-conference>

Questions

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