# 2017-2018 YLD Program Proposal Information

The deadline to submit a program proposals are as follows:

- **Fall Conference:** June 30, 2017  
  Proposals can be submitted through this link:  
  https://www.cognitoforms.com/Yldamericanbarorg/_2017YLDFallConferenceProgramProposalForm

- **Spring Conference:** January 26, 2018

- **Annual Conference:** March 2, 2018

Program proposals will be reviewed and considered by the National Conferences Director and Team, and Dana Hrelc, YLD Chair ("Review Team"). You will be notified by email if your program is selected. Please note that in order for a selected program to qualify for CLE credit, we must receive your supporting materials by the deadlines that are provided for the respective conference. Failure to timely submit materials to qualify for CLE credit may result in the program being canceled.

The ABA YLD is committed to providing quality programming that includes diverse perspectives and diverse speakers, including but not limited to, practitioners, legal scholars, members of the judiciary, and young lawyers. When selecting programs for a conference, the Review Team will consider the following:

- Broad appeal to a national audience, including but not limited to the subject area and program presenters. The Division is interested in highlighting programming that will enhance the individual attendee’s experience and offer an experience that is unique to attendance at a national conference.

- The Division is committed to [ABA Goal III: Eliminate Bias and Enhance Diversity](#), and to the [YLD Diversity Plan](#). Program ideas that further this commitment will be given top consideration. It is strongly encouraged that all programs have a diverse panel. The ABA Goals and YLD Diversity Plan can be viewed online.

- Practical information that young lawyers can use and value in their practice. Topics include core skills (e.g. effective writing, ethics, etc.), bar leadership, and project ideas for young lawyer affiliate organizations (e.g., diversity, public service, or member service projects).

- Programs related to a recent change in an area of law or current event.

The ABA YLD encourages collaboration with other [ABA Entities](#) and [YLD committees](#) so that it can best fulfill program objectives, maximize resources, and offer first-class, unique, and quality programming. Please note that only the YLD Chair can accept or extend co-sponsorship invitations outside of the Division and only if all ABA and YLD policies have been adhered to.

Individual(s) and/or committee(s) submitting a program proposal must be willing to accept the responsibilities related to the program and meet all deadlines if the program is accepted.

For questions about the YLD program proposal process, please contact Tara Blasingame, YLD Administrator, at Tara.Blasingame@americanbar.org or 312-988-5611, or Miriah Holden at mholden@asbhawaii.com or 808-538-2089.

Thank you for your ideas and for helping us provide innovative programming to our members and the young lawyer affiliates we serve.