AALS Section on Constitutional Law Main Program Call for Papers

The Section on Constitutional Law invites submissions for the Section's Article V panel on amending the U.S. Constitution, to be held at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Association of the American Law Schools (AALS), on January 3-6, 2024, in Washington, D.C.

Entitled "Reviving Article V: A Structural Approach to Defending Democracy," this panel is the Section's primary program. Panelists will discuss the constitutional amendment process in the United States, with a focus on whether Article V remains relevant today in our constitutional structure despite its prolonged disuse.

Eligibility

All full-time faculty at AALS member law schools, including fellows and VAPs, are eligible for consideration. The Section especially encourages submissions from pre-tenure, clinical, and tenured faculty members who diversify the legal academy through demographic, geographic, viewpoint, seniority, and school type.

Submissions

Interested faculty should submit an abstract no longer than 500 words to the Section Chair, Professor Meg Penrose, at megpenrose@law.tamu.edu no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on Friday, August 25, 2023. Please indicate "Article V Submission – 2024 AALS Annual Meeting" both in the subject line of your email and at the top of your abstract.

Abstracts should include your name and institutional affiliation, and may be supplemented by a statement expressing how your participation will diversify the panel discussion.

Publication

The Section will not publish selected papers. Panelists are encouraged to seek publication through other avenues.

Questions

All questions should be directed to the Section Chair.

Decisional Process

Panelists will be selected by members of the Executive Committee using a blind selection process. However, the Section reserves the right to balance its panels, if necessary, to comply

with the AALS principles of diversity. The Section is committed to adhering to all AALS policies in the selection process.

Selected panelists will be notified by late September. If selected, panelists are responsible for the costs incurred in participating in the panel, including registration fees for the AALS Annual Meeting in addition to accommodation and travel expenses.