



2026 Housing Justice Network Conference Request for Workshop Proposals

Conference Overview:

The Housing Justice Network (HJN) Conference brings together low-income housing allies from across the country, including public interest attorneys, affordable housing advocates, policy analysts, and organizers. The conference features plenary sessions and more than 20 workshops covering important issues that impact housing affordability and low-income tenants, such as current developments in the federal housing programs, strategies for representing the interests of low-income residents, and ideas on litigating, advocating, and organizing. The conference is an opportunity to meet with colleagues and build our collective capacity to advance housing justice for low-income families across the country.

Site: Atlanta, GA

The 2026 Housing Justice Network Conference will be held **November 9-11, at Westin Peachtree Plaza Atlanta, 210 Peachtree St., NW**, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Proposal Guidelines:

The National Housing Law Project is committed to an environment of inclusion and equitable opportunity for members of the Housing Justice Network, our partner organizations, clients, staff, and board. As part of our commitment to race equity, we ask all workshop organizers to review their proposed sessions to ensure that they recognize the work and contributions of people of color in the housing justice movement.

The conference planning committee will consider the following in reviewing proposals:

- Relevance to housing advocates and attorneys
- Clear take-home value and practical strategies
- Attention to emerging issues
- Innovative approaches
- Racial justice advocacy
- Inclusion of panelists from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds. We encourage using this as an opportunity to include at least one person who has not previously presented at an HJN meeting in the past to help expand the network.
- Collaboration with non-attorneys and/or inclusion of non-attorney panelists, i.e. tenant groups, tenant organizers, researchers, etc.

Workshops can be 75 minutes or 90 minutes in length and must include interactive elements that facilitate audience participation.

The planning committee is particularly interested in workshop proposals covering the following topics but this is not an exhaustive list:

Admissions and Evictions

- Strategies for improving state and local eviction practices in 2026 and beyond in jurisdictions across the political spectrum
- Financial practices as a barrier/deterrent to housing access (rental application fees, minimum income requirements, security deposits, rent reporting, etc.)
- Tenant recertification issues
- Security deposit replacement products
- Admissions screening issues

Responses to federal attacks on housing and fair housing, including state and local responses

- Building the movement for housing security
- Litigating and enforcing disparate impact claims
- Withdrawal of HUD civil rights guidance and implications on the ground
- Source of income discrimination advocacy and current developments in litigation
- Immigrant housing rights
- LGBTQ+ housing rights
- Reentry and housing for justice-involved individuals
- Language access and LEP advocacy
- Racial justice advocacy in housing

Housing Preservation & Increasing Housing Supply

- LIHTC advocacy (e.g., early releases, planned foreclosures, qualified allocation plans, etc.)
- Preservation and tenants' rights in manufactured housing communities
- Project-based Section 8 advocacy (e.g. combatting bad owners, poor conditions, contract expiration or termination, etc.)
- Federally subsidized housing preservation 101 (e.g. public housing repositioning, project based rental assistance, post-disaster protections, etc.)
- Current topics in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program (e.g. voucher shortfall funding, etc.)
- Moving To Work (MTW) basics, expansion, and deregulation

Affirmative Litigation

- Affirmative litigation strategies to protect federally subsidized housing and tenant rights
- False Claims Act litigation on behalf of voucher tenants
- Challenging junk fees in residential leases

- High-impact advocacy on housing conditions
- Introduction to administrative law for housing advocates
- Using litigation to preserve federally subsidized housing

Cross-cutting issues

- The corporate buy-up of affordable housing and impact on renters
- AI/Financial technology issues in rental housing
- Energy and utility issues
- Rent to own/lease-option scams
- Reasonable accommodations
- Working with partners (i.e. tenants, resident councils, community, researchers, organizers, philanthropy)
- Supporting tenant organizations conducting rent strikes

Career & Professional Development

- Mentorship
- Creative ways to engage in advocacy within LSC parameters
- Avoiding burnout
- Trauma-informed advocacy
- Increasing equity in legal practices

Expectations:

The conference is an in-person event so presenters will need to be able to attend in person; there will not be an option for virtual presentations. The conference planning committee may modify and/or consolidate similar proposals. Confirmed presenters must adhere to deadlines and will be expected to submit workshop agendas, materials, presenter biographies, and A/V needs in advance. We will be using the Whova Conference app to host materials for workshop sessions. NHLP will not provide paper copies of the session materials.

Conference Registration and Travel Expenses:

Presenters who only participate in their workshop(s) and do not attend other aspects of the conference will not be charged a conference registration fee. Presenters who attend any other workshops or meals are required to pay the conference registration fee. Presenters are responsible for paying their own travel and hotel costs. A limited number of scholarships will be available for presenters. We will prioritize affordable housing residents, housing organizers, and other non-lawyer advocates for scholarships. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please check that box on the proposal form and submit an [HJN 2026 Conference Scholarship and Fee Waiver Application](#).

Deadline:

Please complete the [RFP form](#) no later than **May 15, 2026**. The planning committee will make its final selections and notify session coordinators by **July 10, 2026**. Late submissions will not be reviewed. For questions and accommodation requests, please email 2026HJN@nhlp.org and **include Workshop RFP inquiry** in the subject line.

Office Hours:

If you are interested in proposing a workshop but have questions for the planning committee, please join us for Office Hours on **April 22, 2026, at 1pm ET/ 10am PT** where we will answer your questions and share tips about what makes a successful workshop proposal. Office Hours registration coming soon.



2026 Housing Justice Network Conference: Workshop Proposal Form

(This document is provided for reference only. Please submit your form [online here.](#))

Workshop Coordinator Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Program/Office: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Workshop Title:

Workshop Description:

Proposed Workshop Length:

(choose one)

- 75 minutes
- 90 minutes

Please select the interactive elements included in your workshop:

(check all that apply)

- **Polling**
- **Audience Q & A**
- **Small groups/breakouts**
- **Other** (please describe):

Who is your intended audience? (e.g., 101/introduction, nuts-and-bolts, advanced, etc.)

Do you or your workshop format require any specific A/V or special accommodations (i.e. accessibility, visual, audio, etc.)? Please explain:

Proposed Panelists: If this proposal is selected, all panelists must be confirmed by **August 14, 2026**. Please contact your proposed panelists *before submitting this proposal*. (If you need help identifying potential presenters for a workshop topic, please email 2026HJN@nhlp.org and **include Workshop RFP inquiry** in the subject line.) Organizers who are unable to contact proposed panelists before the submission deadline are still encouraged to submit workshop proposals.

For a 75-minute workshop, we recommend no more than 3 panelists (including the moderator). For a 90-minute workshop, we recommend no more than 4 panelists (including the moderator).

Moderator Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Program/Office: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Presenter 1 Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Program/Office: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

- **I am requesting a scholarship to attend the conference.**

Presenter 2 Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Program/Office: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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Presenter 3 Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Program/Office: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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