The American Law and Economics Association solicits submissions of papers for our 2022 annual meeting, which will be hosted by the Columbia Law School. Please note that the conference will be held on a Thursday and Friday.

To submit a paper for consideration, please click

https://editorialexpress.com/cgi-bin/conference/conference.cgi?action=login&db_name=ALEA

Choose the “Submit Papers” link on the left-hand side of the screen

Here are the ground rules for submission:

- **Number of submissions**: You can submit no more than 2 papers.

- **Number of Conference presentations**: No person may present more than once during the conference. For example, if you have two papers accepted, you may present one, but if the paper is co-authored, your co-author could present the second paper. The expectation is that a person not have more than 2 papers at the conference, although exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis, particularly in regard to papers with three or more coauthors.

- **Topic area**: The topic areas have been both expanded and streamlined so please review closely before submitting.

- **When submitting, you will be asked whether the paper** is empirical, experimental, or theoretical; what Area the paper is submitted to (a second choice is also requested); whether and where the paper has been presented previously; and whether the paper is already slated for publication.
Please note that a paper must be (i) unpublished at the time of submission; (ii) expected to remain unpublished at the time of the conference; and, (iii) if accepted for publication by the time of the conference acceptance decision, early enough in the publication process so that comments at the conference can be reflected in a subsequent draft. If the paper is being submitted to a peer-reviewed journal where revisions are not possible after acceptance, the paper should not have been accepted at the time of submission.

- **Membership:** Although you can submit a paper without paying ALEA dues, your paper will not be considered until you pay the dues.

- **Commitment to attend:** Submission of a paper comes with a personal commitment to attend the meeting and present the paper at any time during the (Thursday-Friday) meeting should it be selected for the program (in the absence of extenuating circumstances). If you are unable to present at a certain time or date please indicate this in the “Submitters Comments” section on the submission site.

- **Decision letters:** The ALEA Program Committee will send decision letters by May, 2022.

**Note on membership:** To become an ALEA member or renew your membership for 2022 ($70; $30 for students), go to www.amlecon.org. To see if you have paid your dues, please

- select the “Membership Services” link; (ii) “click here” where indicated to enter the membership registration section; (iii) enter your email address (name is optional); and

- click on your user name. You will see your membership status at the bottom of the page (including the “paid through” date). Please do not email ALEA asking if you have paid your dues, unless you really need to do so.

**Topic areas:** There are 15 topic areas for submission. For each topic area, at least two Area Organizers will provide expertise in evaluating submissions. They will review the papers and recommend session panels to the Program Committee, which has ultimate responsibility for constructing the program. Papers authored by Area Organizers or members of the Program Committee (other than the chair, who is not allowed to submit) will be evaluated anonymously by subject matter experts selected by the Program Committee chair. All Area Organizers will be able (and are encouraged) to recommend to the Program Committee re-assignments of papers they feel would be better considered in another area, but this process is improved by responding to the request for a second appropriate Area, if applicable.
**Important note to authors of COVID-related topics:** Please submit your paper to the relevant study area. For example, if your paper is related to crime and COVID, then you should submit to the Criminal Law area.

The topic areas are:

1. Antitrust and Competition Policy
2. Commercial Law and Contracts
3. Comparative and International Law
4. Constitutional Law and Public Choice
5. Corporate Law and Governance
6. Creditors and Borrowers
7. Criminal Law, Law Enforcement and Inequity
8. Employment Law, Labor Law, and Family Law
9. Financial Regulation and Fintech
10. Health Law (including Public Health), Insurance Law and Torts
12. Judicial Behavior, Legal Profession and Litigation
13. Property, Environmental and Administrative Law
14. Securities Law and Finance
15. Tax, Public Finance, Non-Profits and Inequality

**Note on Hotels:** ALEA will be posting a list of hotels close to the Columbia Law School on our website in the spring. We recommend early reservations. We are not planning any special rates, because these have proved costly in as much as they require various guarantees, and because participants have migrated to their favorite hotels and short-term rental services.