



2018 Fall Agenda Conference—Issue Proposal Form

PROPOSALS

In order to present a legislative proposal at the conference, advocates and/or legislators must complete and submit this form no later than **Friday, November 9, 2018** — no exceptions. Submission is not a guarantee of acceptance. You will be contacted by a member of the Submissions Committee by Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

CRITERIA

Does your proposal meet the following criteria?

- Addresses an issue related to women’s health, women’s personal safety at home, in public, in school, and in the workplace; the ability to achieve and maintain economic independence; or freedom from discrimination in Maryland’s economic, educational, judicial, political, and social system;
- Can be addressed through the legislation in the Maryland General Assembly;
- Has a reasonable chance to move successfully through the legislative process;
- Has an identifiable, sustainable lead group that can shepherd the bill. The lead group must:
 - Be a Maryland-based group or a national group with a strong on-the-ground presence in Maryland;
 - Have issue-area expertise and/or a track record of supporting legislation/advocacy in areas related to this proposal;
 - Have an identified representative who will be in regular contact with the MLAW Board of Directors about the progress of the legislation; and
 - Regularly provide legislative updates and supportive materials for MLAW to share with our members so that they can take action.
- Advocates:** *Have you consulted with a legislator who has agreed to sponsor the legislation?*
- Legislators:** *Have you consulted with the advocacy groups who work in this field?*

BACKGROUND STATEMENT and INFORMATION

On the next page or a separate Word document, prepare a background statement that includes a summary explaining the problem and how it relates to women. Your statement should also describe your proposed solution and how it will benefit women. Finally, please include a summary of the proposed legislation. This information must not exceed one page. **A statement in this format is mandatory and if accepted, will be distributed to conference attendees.** Please write for a general audience who may not be well-versed in legislative lingo. Be clear and concise.

SUBMIT

Send your completed proposal form via email to: mdlegagenda4women@yahoo.com.

REGISTER

If your proposal is accepted for presentation, you will need attend the conference on November 17th to present your issue. Please register online at <https://mlawconference2018.eventbrite.com>.

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(You may re-create this form on a separate Word doc. Make sure to include all fields and answer completely.

Do not exceed one page in length.)

Title of Your Bill: _____

Bill Number: _____

One sentence synopsis of the bill: _____

Committee(s) bill is assigned to: _____

Lead Legislative Sponsor(s): _____

Lead Sponsor(s) Phone Number: _____

Lead Group: _____

Lead Group Contact: _____

Lead Group Contact Phone and Email: _____

Describe the problem and how it relates to women:

Describe your proposed solution and how it will benefit women:

Provide a summary of your proposed legislation:

If the bill was introduced in a prior year, please include a copy of last year's bill with this form.