



SPONSORSHIP & PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2026-2027

*Supporting education, advancing the profession, and
strengthening the administration of justice.*



OVERVIEW

WHO WE ARE

The Academy of Court-Appointed Neutrals® (ACAN®) is an independent organization dedicated to helping people become court-appointed neutrals; court-appointed neutrals become better; and the profession better serve the administration of justice.

WHAT WE DO

- National network of court-appointed neutrals, judges, attorneys, and justice system stakeholders
- Monthly educational forums connecting professionals across the country
- Scholarship funding that expands access to education and programming
- Training, mentorship and incubator programs supporting the next generation of neutrals
- Educational efforts focused on professional standards, terminology, and expanding the use of neutrals in the justice system

WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON

In the past year, ACAN has continued to expand its educational programming and national engagement. Our Annual Meeting in Berkeley, California in collaboration with the Berkeley Judicial Institute, received overwhelming praise for its engaging programming, wide range of attendees, sense of community and the opportunities for interaction it created. ACAN has expanded its committees to develop new training, mentoring, programming, outreach, leadership on ethics, publications. We worked with the ABA Judicial Division to create the first-ever issue of Judges Journal dedicated to court-appointed neutrals and experts; and with New York Law School to create what has now become an Annual national symposium on court-appointed neutral ethics. Through our ACAN Scholarship, we have made membership and participating on ACAN open to many who otherwise might never have the opportunity to contribute to this profession and have promised to pay this benefit forward in the future.

WHY SUPPORT ACAN?

Your partnership helps to expand education, increase access to training, strengthen professional standards, support the future growth of the court-appointed neutral profession while providing you a unique opportunity to communicate with a community of individuals involved in numerous facets of the administration of justice.

SUPPORT & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

2027 ANNUAL MEETING SPONSORSHIPS

Be part not only of ACAN's Annual Meeting, but of the community it creates. ACAN's Annual Meeting brings together court-appointed neutrals, judges, attorneys, court staff, academics, ADR professionals, and industry partners from across the country to share ideas and engage in meaningful discussion. Sponsorship opportunities provide personal engagement and visibility among professionals dedicated to the administration of justice.

OCTOBER 2026 ETHICS PROGRAM SPONSORSHIPS

Support ACAN's second annual ethics program and connect with attendees through recognition opportunities tied directly to this specialized training experience. Sponsorship packages provide visibility before, during, and after the event while demonstrating support for professional excellence and ethics education.

FIRST WEDNESDAY FORUM SPONSORSHIPS

ACAN's monthly First Wednesday Forums create year-round opportunities to engage directly with members through interactive discussions on emerging issues affecting the profession. Sponsors have the opportunity to meet, converse with, and build relationships with ACAN members while supporting these ongoing educational programs.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Help expand access to education, mentorship, and professional development opportunities. Scholarship contributions directly support participation in ACAN programs and events, helping ensure financial barriers do not limit engagement.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Organizations and individuals who support ACAN's mission can engage more deeply through Associate Membership. Members receive access to select resources, committee participation opportunities, member communications, and stronger connections with the ACAN community.

2027 ANNUAL MEETING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH 3-6, 2027 | CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Be part not only of ACAN's Annual Meeting, but the annual meeting place it creates. ACAN's Annual Meeting brings together court-appointed neutrals, judges, attorneys, court staff, academics, ADR professionals, and industry partners from across the country who share a common room and discussion. Sponsorship opportunities offer sponsors personal engagement and visibility among those concerned with the administration of justice.

BENEFIT	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATIONS	4	3	2	1
SPEAKING OPPORTUNITY	✓	-	-	-
EXHIBIT DISPLAY TABLE	✓	✓	-	-
PRINTED MARKETING PIECE INCLUDED IN ATTENDEE MATERIALS	✓	✓	✓	-
ATTENDEE LIST	✓	✓	✓	✓
YEAR-ROUND WEBSITE RECOGNITION - LOGO & PROFILE	✓	✓	✓	Logo Only
SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT IN MEMBER NEWSLETTER	✓	-	-	-
DEDICATED SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT EMAIL	✓	✓	-	-
SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION	✓	✓	✓	✓
EMAIL RECOGNITION	✓	✓	✓	✓
ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM RECOGNITION	✓	✓	✓	✓
SLIDESHOW RECOGNITION	Featured	✓	✓	✓
SPONSOR SIGNAGE	Featured	✓	✓	✓

PLATINUM SPONSOR

\$20,000 INVESTMENT

- Four (4) Annual Meeting registrations with access to all events
- Exclusive 10-minute speaking opportunity before the Annual Meeting audience
- Exhibit Display Table in prime location during the Annual Meeting
- Printed Marketing Piece included in Attendee Materials
- Attendee list provided prior to the Annual Meeting
- Year-round recognition on the ACAN website
- Sponsor Spotlight in an ACAN member newsletter
- Dedicated sponsor spotlight email distributed to ACAN members
- Company logo and description featured on the Annual Meeting website
- Company description included in the Annual Meeting program
- Recognition on ACAN social media
- Recognition in Annual Meeting email communications
- Recognition in the sponsor slideshow
- Featured logo on sponsor signage

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GOLD SPONSOR

\$12,500 INVESTMENT

- Three (3) Annual Meeting registrations with access to all events
- Exhibit Display Table in prime location during the Annual Meeting
- Printed Marketing Piece included in Attendee Materials
- Attendee list provided prior to the Annual Meeting
- Year-round recognition on the ACAN website
- Dedicated sponsor spotlight email distributed to ACAN members
- Company logo and description featured on the Annual Meeting website
- Company description included in the Annual Meeting program
- Recognition on ACAN social media
- Recognition in Annual Meeting email communications
- Recognition in the sponsor slideshow
- Logo included on sponsor signage

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SILVER SPONSOR

\$6,000 INVESTMENT

- Two (2) Annual Meeting registrations
- Printed Marketing Piece included in Attendee Materials
- Attendee list provided prior to the Annual Meeting
- Year-round recognition on the ACAN website
- Company logo and description featured on the Annual Meeting website
- Company description included in the Annual Meeting program
- Recognition on ACAN social media
- Recognition in Annual Meeting email communications
- Recognition in the sponsor slideshow
- Logo included on sponsor signage

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BRONZE SPONSOR

\$3,000 INVESTMENT

- One (1) Annual Meeting registration
- Attendee list provided prior to the Annual Meeting
- Year-round recognition on the ACAN website
- Company logo featured on the Annual Meeting website
- Company description included in the Annual Meeting program
- Recognition on ACAN social media
- Recognition in Annual Meeting email communications
- Recognition in the sponsor slideshow
- Logo included on sponsor signage

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CONNECT WITH ACAN'S NATIONAL NETWORK

Court-Appointed Neutrals • Judges • Attorneys • Court Staff • ADR Professionals
• Academics • Legal Industry Partners

COURT-APPOINTED NEUTRALS ETHICS SYMPOSIUM

October 20, 2026

1pm-5pm | Reception 5pm-6pm

New York Law School | New York, NY

Attend In Person or Virtually

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Join the nation's second annual program dedicated to expanding the thinking on court-appointed neutral ethics. As courts expand the use of neutrals across practice areas, this symposium brings together judges, attorneys, academics, and ethics professionals to explore evolving standards, emerging challenges, and best practices that support fair, effective, and ethical practices across the profession.

WHY SPONSOR?

Sponsoring the Ethics Symposium positions your organization alongside leaders shaping the future of court-appointed neutral practice while providing meaningful visibility with professionals across the legal and dispute resolution communities.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PREMIER SPONSOR | \$3,000

- Four (4) in-person registrations
- Unlimited virtual registrations
- Enhanced recognition on event marketing materials and signage
- Organization description included in program materials
- Recognition on event website and event communications
- Featured recognition during the reception and throughout the event

SPONSOR | \$1,000

- Two (2) in-person registrations
- Five (5) virtual registrations
- Recognition on event marketing materials and signage
- Sponsor recognition during the program
- Organization description included in program materials
- Recognition on event website and event communications

SPONSOR THE ETHICS PROGRAM

ACAN FIRST WEDNESDAY FORUM

FORUM SPONSOR | \$3,000

The ACAN First Wednesday Forum is a monthly virtual discussion where members explore ethical issues, practical challenges, and emerging topics related to court-appointed neutral practice. These informal, interactive sessions create year-round opportunities for sponsors to meet, converse with, and build relationships with ACAN members while supporting educational programming. Forum Sponsors are recognized throughout the promotion and delivery of a First Wednesday Forum. Benefits include:

- Recognition in event promotions and reminder emails to ACAN membership
- Featured recognition on ACAN LinkedIn announcements
- Invitation to attend the Forum
- An introduction with thanks at the start of the Forum
- Opportunity to briefly participate in and contribute to the discussion

*For more information and to reserve, contact ACAN Executive Director Merril Hirsh
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND SUPPORT

ACAN's Scholarship Fund expands access to ACAN programming, training, and events for individuals who would otherwise be unable to participate due to financial limitations. Supported by sponsor contributions, the fund helps develop emerging talent in the field and strengthen the future of court-appointed neutral practice. All contributions directly support participation in ACAN education and programming. Donations of any size are welcome.

CONTRIBUTE TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

\$400 ANNUALLY

ACAN Associate Membership is designed for individuals who support the mission of ACAN but are not currently serving as court-appointed neutrals. This category includes judges and other professionals who want to stay engaged with the field and contribute to its development. Benefits include:

- Participation in ACAN programs and select activities
- Access to member communications and updates
- Discounts on ACAN trainings and resources
- Connection to a national network of professionals advancing the use of court-appointed neutrals

APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP