



# The Yale Law Journal

## Overview

The *YLJ Forum* seeks scholarship that is shorter, timelier, and more accessible to a general audience than pieces published in the print pages of the Journal. We accept two types of submissions: 1) essays of no more than 2,000 words (including footnotes) that grapple with relevant issues as they unfold, and therefore merit swifter publication than the print medium might allow; and 2) responses of no more than 6,000 words (including footnotes) to recent pieces published in the print Journal. Students, faculty, and practitioners are welcome to submit work in either of these categories. All *YLJ Forum* pieces are fully searchable and available on LexisNexis and Westlaw, and are also made available in PDF format.

We encourage authors to write in a style that is accessible to policymakers and practitioners, and to avoid detailed exposition. For more information about the submissions process, please visit our website, [www.yalelawjournal.org](http://www.yalelawjournal.org), and follow the link for “Submissions.” Authors must remove all identifying material and self-references from the submission itself; we will use the same blind selection process that we use for the Journal. In order to ensure timely publication for essays, we hope to follow an accelerated evaluation and production schedule.

## How To Submit

As detailed below, all *YLJ Forum* pieces must be submitted through the *Journal*'s electronic submission process. The *Forum* accepts pieces on a rolling basis throughout the year, so you may submit your piece through the electronic system at any time. The *Forum* Committee reviews submissions anonymously. We therefore ask that you remove all identifying information (including your name, affiliation, and acknowledgments) from the manuscript and the file name. Please also redact any identifying information in headers and footnotes. All questions regarding the *YLJ Forum* submissions process should be directed to Executive Editor Daniel Herz-Roiphe at [daniel.herz-roiphe@yale.edu](mailto:daniel.herz-roiphe@yale.edu).

## *YLJ Forum* Style Guide in Text:

Earlier style guides were more nuanced. We have since simplified our guidelines to the following two propositions. First, state the thesis promptly, clearly, and briefly. With limited space, it is critical to focus clearly on defending your thesis. The best *Forum* essays present the kernel of an interesting and novel idea without too many trappings surrounding it. Second, write in a conversational tone. While some *Forum* pieces are geared toward academics (e.g., response pieces), anything online has the potential to reach a much broader audience. We therefore encourage the use of active voice, shorter sentences, and even the first person (where appropriate).

**In citations:**

As general practice, *YLJ Forum* pieces conform with standard Bluebook style, as the PDF version of the *Forum* piece appears no different from a Print piece in its formatting and citation style.

The critical exception is that *YLJ Forum* pieces will attempt, whenever possible, to provide a link to an online version of cited materials, according to Rule 18.2 of The Bluebook. Please include Internet links in your submissions.