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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, 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. To preserve anonymity, all questions regarding the *YLJ Forum* submissions process should be directed to Executive Editor Daniel Herz-Roiphe at daniel.herz-roiphe@yale.edu.

What To Submit

The Yale Law Journal only accepts student *YLJ Forum* submissions through our website. Emailing materials to the Executive Editor or another editor does not constitute proper submission; all documents must be uploaded through our website. Students having difficulty with the submission process should email Managing Editor Jesse Kaplan (jesse.kaplan@yale.edu), with questions.

To submit on our website, go to <http://ylj.yalelawjournal.org/authors/index.html> and register for an account. Once your account has been created, log in and click on the “Submit Work” hyperlink; after that, check the “Yale Law Journal Forum Piece” bubble and click on “Continue.” Follow the instructions on that screen to submit all required documents.

Submission materials must include the following and be uploaded into the appropriate fields on our website (preferably in Microsoft Word format):

1. Submission field. You must upload the submission, without your name on it, into this field. Identify yourself only by the last four digits of your Social Security Number. This document must include a word count, including footnotes, in the header.
2. Preemption Paragraph field. You must upload your Preemption Paragraph, without your name on it, into this field. The preemption paragraph should, in no more than a couple hundred words, explain your piece's relationship to any existing scholarship.
3. Submission Form field. You must upload your Submission Form into this field. The Submission Form will only be accessible to Managing Editor Jesse Kaplan, who alone will know the identity of any author whose submission is not accepted.

It is your responsibility to remove all identifying information from your submission. The *Forum* Committee will not consider submissions that contain identifying information about the author. Prior to uploading any documents, double-check to make sure that you have removed all self-identifying references from your documents (except the Submission Form, which is the only document that should contain identifying information). Please right-click all documents to be submitted (except the Submission Form), click on properties, and delete your name from all relevant fields under the Summary tab. Because Committee members who can identify a submission's author must recuse themselves from considering that piece, accidentally leaving in identifying information may disadvantage a submission or even preclude its publication in Volume 124.

Please note that the *Forum* Committee will not review submissions that depart from any of the submissions guidelines contained in this memo.

***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.