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What to Submit

We invite *Forum* submissions for the *Yale Law Journal* Volume 128 from all students, faculty, and practitioners. You may submit a *Forum* Essay, Response, Collection topic or piece at any time.

YLJ Forum pieces are authored by professors, practitioners, and students, and they are generally timelier and more accessible to a general audience than other *YLJ* publications. We particularly encourage pieces that grapple with current or actively unfolding legal issues and that are targeted toward judges, policymakers, and practitioners. In addition to their publication on the *YLJ Forum* webpage, all *Forum* pieces are available on LexisNexis and Westlaw, and are also made available in PDF format.

Submissions are reviewed by the *Forum* & Features Committee without knowledge of the authors' identities. We recommend that submissions be between 2,500 to 5,000 words (including footnotes), but will also review longer pieces that meet our submissions criteria.

- *Forum Essays* are original and timely pieces that bear directly on unfolding legal events, blending the common appeal of op-eds with the rigor of scholarship. For two recent examples, please see [Triptych's End: A Better Framework To Evaluate 21st Century International Lawmaking](#) by Professor Harold Hongju Koh and [Predicting Utah v. Strieff's Civil Rights Impact](#) by Professor Katherine A. Macfarlane.
- *Forum Responses* are scholarly reactions to our print and online content. Academics, practitioners, and students use *YLJ Forum* to engage with one another's scholarship and ideas. *YLJ Forum* may feature multiple Responses to a given online or print piece. The Committee may also solicit Responses to print pieces and symposia commentaries. For a recent example, please see Cindy Cohn's [Response](#) to [The Fourth Amendment in the Information Age](#) by Robert S. Litt.
- *Forum Collections* are explorations of a single legal subject, with authors contributing distinct perspectives and engaging in dialogue with each other. For a recent example, please see the Collection on the Freedom of Information Act, which included contributions from [David E. McCraw](#), [Jameel Jaffer & Brett M. Kaufman](#), [Melanie A. Pustay](#), [Margaret B. Kwoka](#), and [Beth Simone Noveck](#). The Committee accepts submissions for Collection topics and pieces in addition to soliciting them.

How to Submit

YLJ Forum accepts pieces on a rolling basis throughout the year, and you may submit your piece through the electronic system at any time.

All *YLJ Forum* pieces must be submitted through the *Journal's* online submission process. To submit through 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 the "New Submission" button in the top, right-hand corner; after that, select the appropriate "Yale Law Journal Forum" tab from the drop-down menu; follow the link to the *Forum* Submission Form and fill out the form there; then return to the submissions page and enter the title, word count, and abstract for the piece; and then click "Continue." Follow the instructions on the screen to upload and submit all required documents. Anyone having difficulty with the submission process should email Managing Editors Aaron Roper (aaron.ropor@yale.edu) and Jordan Goldberg (jordan.r.goldberg@yale.edu) with questions.

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

1. *Submission field*. Upload the submission, without your name on it, into this field. This document should provide a word count, including footnotes, in the header.
2. *Preemption field*. Upload your Preemption Memo, without your name on it, into this field. In no more than a few hundred words, please explain your piece's relationship to any existing scholarship.
3. *Submission Form* (student authors only). The Submission Form is a Google form, which you can access from the *Forum* upload page. The Submission Form is required for all student authors and will only be accessible to the Managing Editors.

Make sure to remove all identifying information from your submission. The *Forum* Committee reviews submissions anonymously and will not consider submissions that contain identifying information about the author. Additionally, please right-click all documents to be submitted, click on "Properties," and delete your name from all relevant fields under the Summary tab. Please note that the *Forum* Committee cannot review submissions that depart from any of these guidelines. To preserve anonymity, all questions regarding the *YLJ Forum* submissions process should be directed to Executive Editor Cody M. Poplin (cody.poplin@yale.edu).

In order to ensure timely publication of essays, we follow an accelerated evaluation and production schedule. All citations should conform to standard *Bluebook* style. Please also include internet links to sources wherever possible. *YLJ Forum* attempts to provide quick access to all cited materials.

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