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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 target 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* Committee without knowledge of the authors' identities. We recommend that submissions be **between 4,000 to 6,000** words (including footnotes), but may also review longer pieces that meet our submissions criteria. *Forum* pieces may not exceed 10,000 words.

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- *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, [The Insular Cases in Light of Aurelius](#), which included contributions by [Justice Stephen G.](#)

[Breyer](#), [Judge José A. Cabranes](#), [Aziz Rana](#), [Adriel I. Cepeda Derieux](#) and [Neil C. Weare](#), and [Christina D. Ponsa-Kraus](#). The Committee accepts submissions for Collection topics and pieces in addition to soliciting them.

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Your submission should provide a word count, including footnotes, in the header. Please note that in addition to uploading your submission, you will be asked to upload a Preemption Memo that explains your piece's relationship to any existing scholarship in no more than a few hundred words.

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