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What to Submit

We invite Forum submissions for the Yale Law Journal Volume 131 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 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.

- **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, see *Reading the ACA’s Findings: Textualism, Severability and the ACA’s Return to the Court* by Abbe R. Gluck and *Deadly Delay: The FDA’s Role in America’s COVID-Testing Debacle* by Barbara J. Evans and Ellen Wright Clayton.

- **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. Recent examples include Edward J. Janger and Adam J. Levitin’s Response to *Distorted Choice in Corporate Bankruptcy* by David A. Skeel, Jr. and Catherine L. Fisk’s Response to *Constructing Countervailing Power: Law and Organizing in an Era of Political Inequality* by Kate Andrias and Benjamin I. Sachs.

- **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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