VOLUME 132 FORUM SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

I. WHAT TO SUBMIT

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 website, all Forum pieces are available on HeinOnline, LexisNexis, and Westlaw.

YLJ Forum accepts submissions for Forum pieces, in addition to soliciting them. We invite Forum submissions for the Yale Law Journal Volume 132 from all students, faculty, and practitioners. You may submit a Forum Essay, Response, Collection piece, or Exchange proposal at any time after the submission portal opens on February 1, 2022.

Submissions of draft pieces are reviewed by the Forum Committee without knowledge of the author’s identities. We recommend that submissions be between 4,000 to 8,000 words (including footnotes). The Committee strongly discourages submissions longer than 12,000 words and will not review pieces that exceed 15,000 words.


- **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. For a recent example, see Anthony O’Rourke, *The Ostensible (and at Times, Actual) Virtue of DefERENCE*, 131 YALE L.J.F. 615 (2021) (responding to Anna Lvovsky, *Rethinking Police Expertise*, 131 YALE L.J. 475 (2021)).

- **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, see *The Insular Cases in Light of Aurelius*, which included the following contributions:
• Forum Exchanges are a new category of Forum content being introduced in Volume 132. They will feature authors writing separate pieces in direct dialogue with one another on the same, timely issue. For an example of recent Forum content in the same vein as forthcoming Exchanges, see Alexander Dushku, The Case for Creative Pluralism in Adoption and Foster Care, 131 Yale L.J.F. 246 (2021) and Louis Melling, Religious Exemptions and the Family, 131 Yale L.J.F. 275 (2021). YLJ Forum is accepting proposals for Exchanges through our submissions system.

II. HOW TO SUBMIT

YLJ Forum accepts pieces on a rolling basis throughout the year. All Forum submissions must be submitted through YLJ’s online submission system. You may submit your piece at any time after the portal opens on February 1, 2022.

Your submission of a draft piece should provide a word count, including footnotes, on the first page. Please note that in addition to uploading your submission, you must upload a Preemption Memo in the “Supplementary Files” field that explains your piece’s relationship to any existing scholarship in no more than a few hundred words.

If you are submitting a proposal for a Forum Exchange, your submission should describe the overall thesis, structure, and main arguments of your Essay, as well as the anticipated thesis, main arguments, and author(s) or potential author(s) of your Essay’s counterpart. In addition, your proposal should describe the nature of the Exchange’s contribution to its area of legal scholarship.

Font, Spacing, and Format

Please use double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font for the main text of your submission and single-spaced, 10-point Times New Roman font for the footnotes. The submission should use one-inch margins on all sides and include page numbers in the bottom-right corner of the page.

Anonymized Review

All submissions of draft pieces are reviewed fully anonymized. Deliberations and decisions for each
piece take place without knowledge of the author’s name, prior publications, or pending publication offers. **We therefore ask that you remove all identifying information (including your name, institutional affiliation, and acknowledgments) from the manuscript text, headers and footnotes, and the file name.** To remove document metadata, in Microsoft Word, navigate to the “Info” option under the “File” menu, run “Inspect Document,” then click “Remove All” next to “Document Properties and Personal Information.” If your name appears anywhere in the file, we will be unable to consider your submission.

Submissions of Exchange proposals will not receive anonymized review.

Please email us at submissions@yalelawjournal.org with any questions if you encounter any problems using our online submission system.

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