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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 134 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, 2024.

Submissions of draft pieces are reviewed by the *Forum* Committee without knowledge of the authors' identities. We recommend that submissions be between **6,000 and 10,000 words** (including footnotes). The Committee strongly discourages submissions longer than 12,000 words and will not review pieces that exceed 15,000 words. While the Committee anticipates that accepted manuscripts will increase in length throughout the editing process, we will not publish pieces longer than 15,000 words without prior approval from *YLJ*.

- *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 recent examples, see Joanna C. Schwartz, [Backdoor Municipal Immunity](#), 132 YALE L.J. F. 136 (2022); Kyle Langvardt & James Fallows Tierney, [On “Confetti Regulation”: The Wrong Way to Regulate Gamified Investing](#), 131 YALE L.J. F. 717 (2022); and Georgina Yeomans, [Ordering Conduct Yet Evading Review: A Simple Step Toward Preserving Federal Supremacy](#), 130 YALE L.J. F. 513 (2021).
- *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 recent examples, see Eli Nachmany, [Remedies and Incentives in Presidential Removal Cases](#), 133 YALE L.J. F. 305 (2023) (responding to Z. Payvand Ahdout, *Separation-of-Powers Avoidance*, 132 YALE L.J. 2360 (2023)); and 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 recent examples, see the following Collections from Volume 133:
 - [*The Religion Clauses Post-Kennedy*](#)
 - [*Revitalizing State Constitutions: A Turning Point for State and Federal Constitutional Rights*](#)
 - [*Doing History After Dobbs: Applications, Implications, and Critiques of Dobbs’s Historical Methodology*](#)

- *Forum Exchanges* are a category of *Forum* content introduced in Volume 132. They feature authors writing separate pieces in direct dialogue with one another on the same timely issue. *YLJ Forum* is accepting proposals for Exchanges through our submission system. For a recent example of an Exchange, see [*A Debate on the Future of the Legal Profession: Increased Nonlawyer Participation*](#), which included the following pieces:
 - Ralph Baxter, [*Dereliction of Duty: State-Bar Inaction in Response to America’s Access-to-Justice Crisis*](#), 132 YALE L.J. F. 228 (2022)
 - Stephen P. Younger, [*The Pitfalls and False Promises of Nonlawyer Ownership of Law Firms*](#), 132 YALE L.J. F. 259 (2022)

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, 2024.

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 in a fully anonymized form. 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, the 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 problems using our online submission system.

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