

Call for submissions

BERKELEY/TEXAS/TORONTO/YALE PRIVATE LAW JUNIOR FACULTY FORUM

April 17-18, 2026, University of Texas at Austin

We are pleased to announce the launch of an exciting new scholarly initiative: the Berkeley/Texas/Toronto/Yale Private Law Junior Faculty Forum (BETTY), a platform dedicated to fostering in-depth exchange of ideas on the conceptual and normative foundations of private law. It aims to build an engaged community of private law scholars, with a particular emphasis on strengthening connections between junior and senior professors.

The first session of the BETTY Forum will be held at Texas Law School at Austin on April 17-18, 2026. We are currently seeking submissions for this meeting. Eight junior scholars will be selected through a blind review process to present their work at the Forum. A senior faculty will provide commentary on each paper, followed by the author's response and an open Q&A session.

Topics. We welcome submissions on any topic related to the conceptual and/or normative foundations of private law.

Eligibility. To be considered, authors must be in a tenured or tenure-track position and have been so for no more than 7 years. Co-authored submissions are welcome, provided that each co-author is individually eligible to participate in the Forum. Papers that will be published prior to the Forum will not be considered.

Funding. Participants are expected to cover their own travel and lodging expenses. However, we may be able to secure funding for one or two participants whose institutions do not cover these costs. We will provide refreshments and lunch on both days, dinner on Friday, and a limited number of hotel rooms (available for booking) near the conference facility.

Submission guidance. Please submit your paper by email (preferably no longer than 25,000 words, including footnotes) to claire.klodell@law.utexas.edu with the subject line "BETTY Forum." The submission deadline is December 10, 2025. All references to the author should be removed from the paper. Additionally, please include as a separate attachment a cover letter with your name, institutional affiliation, paper title, and contact information.

General inquiries concerning the Forum should be sent to claire.klodell@law.utexas.edu with the subject line "BETTY Forum."