

## ELECTION 2000: POINT / COUNTERPOINT SERIES

As the presidential election of 2000 is upon us, we present to the readers of Volume 148 a series of essays addressing law and the American political system. Each issue of the volume will include two essays—in the form of a point/counterpoint debate—on a given subject. We have developed this series in an effort to raise the level of civic discourse during an election cycle critical to our nation's future.

Future issues of Volume 148 of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* will include discussions of the following topics:

Issue 2: Campaign Finance Reform

Issue 3: Urban Sprawl

Issue 4: Regulation of Guns as Consumer Products

Issue 5: War Powers Act

The following is the first exchange in our series. These essays address the proper role of legal academics in the political process. Here, Professors Neal Devins and Cass Sunstein present a provocative debate framed by the letter-writing campaign by law professors to influence the 1998 impeachment of President Bill Clinton. Please note that Professor Sunstein responds directly to Professor Devins's critique. Professor Devins's rebuttal is contained in the footnotes of his piece.

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