



The California Supreme Court Historical Society 2009 Student Writing Competition

DEADLINE: June 30, 2009

AWARD: The winning author will receive a prize of \$2,500 and publication in the Society's journal, *California Legal History*. Second and third place winners may also be chosen, and all winning papers will be posted on the Society's website, www.cschs.org.

TOPIC: Original, unpublished scholarly writing on any aspect of California legal history, ranging from the Supreme Court itself and its justices and decisions, to local events of legal historical importance—including biography, significant cases, independent state interpretation, the California Constitution, and reorganization of the court system, as well as areas of law such as criminal law, civil rights, family law, tort liability, environmental law, and taxation—in any time period from 1846 to the present.

On the leading position and nationwide influence of the California Supreme Court, see the article on "Followed Rates" by Jake Dear and Edward W. Jessen: http://lawreview.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/41-2_Dear.pdf

JUDGES: The entries will be judged by a panel of legal historians.

ELIGIBILITY: The submission must be written during the student's enrollment in a school of law or as a graduate student in history, political science, government, public policy, or a related field.

GUIDELINES: The maximum length of submissions is 6,000 words, exclusive of endnotes, in 12-point type, double-spaced, with 1" margins. To ensure anonymity, the author's name should appear only on a separate cover page with mailing address, telephone number, email address, and name of school. Entries should be submitted as an email attachment in electronic format (Word, WordPerfect, or pdf).

SUBMISSIONS and QUESTIONS: Please send to the CSCHS Student Writing Competition Chair at smsth@aol.com