

2010 Student Writing Competition Winners Announced



First-place winner Sara Mayeux (center) is congratulated by Chief Justice Ronald George (second from left), Associate Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegar (left), Society President David McFadden, and Board Member Selma Moidel Smith, who proposed and organized the competition – at the California Supreme Court, San Francisco, August 5, 2010. Photo by William A. Porter

The California Supreme Court Historical Society is pleased to announce the winners of its 2010 Student Writing Competition. The three judges were unanimous in all of their choices.

First place was won by Sara Mayeux of Stanford University for “The Case of the Black-Gloved Rapist: Defining the Public Defender’s Role in the California Courts, 1913-1948.” She receives a prize of \$2,500 and publication in the 2010 volume of the Society’s annual journal, *California Legal History*. She is both a JD candidate at Stanford University School of Law and a PhD candidate in American history at Stanford University.

Second place was awarded to Joseph Makhluif, graduate student in history at California State University, Northridge, for “Jerry’s Judges and the Politics of the Death Penalty: 1977-1982.”



Joseph Makhluif



Justin Dickerson

The third place winner is Justin Dickerson, a JD student at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, for “The Last of the Beaches: Development and Destruction of Palisades del Rey.”

The three distinguished judges were: Stephen A. Aron, Professor of History, UCLA; Ariela Gross, Professor of Law and History, USC School of Law; and Chris Waldrep, Professor of History, San Francisco State University.

Society President David McFadden points out, “The importance of the competition is that it encourages and rewards new scholarship in the ever-expanding field of California legal history.” The competition was open to law students and to graduate students in history, political science, government, and related fields. The winning papers are available on the Society’s website, www.cschs.org (at “History of the California Courts”).