



2012 STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

First-place winner Catherine Davidson (SECOND FROM LEFT) is congratulated by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye (LEFT), Associate Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegar (CENTER), Society President Dan Grunfeld (RIGHT), and Board Member Selma Moidel Smith, who initiated and conducted the competition — at the California Supreme Court, San Francisco, October 16, 2012.

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The California Supreme Court Historical Society is pleased to announce the winners of its 2012 Student Writing Competition.

For the first time, students from a single school, UC Hastings College of the Law (San Francisco), have won all three places in the competition, notwithstanding entries from as far south as Los Angeles and as far east as Chicago. Also for the first time, all three winning papers will be published as part of a “Student Symposium” on legal history in California in the 2012 volume of the Society’s annual journal, *California Legal History*.

First place was won by Catherine Davidson for “All the Other Daisys: Roger Traynor, Recrimination, and the Demise of At-Fault Divorce” (Professor: Reuel Schiller). She receives a prize of \$2,500.

Second place was awarded to Jeremy Zeitlin for “What’s Sunday All About? The Rise and Fall of California’s Sunday Closing Law” (Professor: Joseph Grodin).

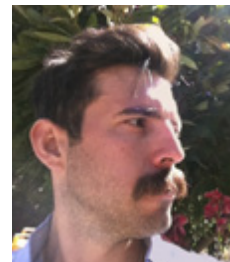


*Second-place winner
Jeremy Zeitlin*

The third place winner is David Willhoite for “The Story of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act: How Cesar Chavez Won the Best Labor Law in the Country and Lost the Union” (Professor: Reuel Schiller).

The three distinguished judges, all of whom are American legal historians, were: Charles J. McClain, UC Berkeley School of Law; Robert F. Williams, Rutgers-Camden Law School; and Victoria Saker Woeste, American Bar Foundation.

The competition was open to law students and to graduate students in history, political science, government, and related fields. Student papers may address any aspect of California legal history, ranging from the decisions and justices of the Supreme Court itself to local events of legal and historical importance, at any time from 1846 to the present. The winning papers are available on the Society’s website, www.cschs.org (at “History of the California Courts”). ☆



*Third-place winner
David Willhoite*