



2013 STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Jonathan Mayer, a 2013 graduate of Stanford Law School, won first place in the California Supreme Court Historical Society's 2013 student writing competition. Mayer (SECOND FROM LEFT) is congratulated by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye (LEFT), Associate Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegar (SECOND FROM RIGHT), Society President Dan Grunfeld (RIGHT), and board member Selma Moidel Smith (CENTER), who initiated and conducted the competition — at the California Supreme Court, August 8, 2013.

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THE California Supreme Court Historical Society is pleased to announce the winners of its 2013 Student Writing Competition.

First place was won by Jonathan Mayer of Stanford Law School for “The Vine Vote: Why California Went Dry.” He receives a prize of \$2,500 and publication in the 2013 volume of *California Legal History*, the Society’s annual scholarly journal.

Second place was awarded to Greg Seto of Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, for “The Chinese Must Go: The Workingmen’s Party and the California Constitution of 1879.”

The third place winner is Jacob J. True of UC Hastings College of the Law for “Is That a Laptop in Your Pocket or Can I Search You? Why the Majority of Critics Believe That All Smartphones Are Not Created Equal in Spite of the California Supreme Court’s Decision in *People v. Diaz*.”



Second-place winner
Greg Seto.



Third-place winner
Jacob J. True.

The three distinguished judges, all of whom are professors and American legal historians, were: S. Deborah Kang, CSU San Marcos, Department of History; Peter L. Reich, Whittier Law School; and Robert F. Williams, Rutgers-Camden School of Law. The judges were unanimous in their choices.

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, — including biography, significant cases, independent state interpretation, and the California Constitution — 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”). ★