



California Supreme Court Historical Society Research Travel Grant in California Legal History

The California Supreme Court Historical Society (“the Society”) has established a Research Travel Grant, funded by the generosity of California Supreme Court Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegar (Ret.) and David M. Werdegar, M.D., in honor of Selma Moidel Smith, Editor-in-Chief of *California Legal History*.

Pursuant to this grant, the Society will defray the expenses of graduate students and law students at accredited U.S. universities and law schools who are researching California legal history for purposes of preparing an article or other paper on that subject and need to travel to access archival materials related thereto. It is expected that most travel will be to or within California, but exceptions will be made in the case of relevant archival materials in other locations. The Society will award individual grants to be used to defray the cost of travel and/or accommodation in amounts typically no more than \$700 per project, with a maximum of \$1,000 in special cases.

Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis until such time as the fund for the grant is exhausted. Grant applications must include the following information:

- 1) A brief description of the project that necessitates the travel. This description must identify the specific archival collection or collections that the grantee wishes to access;
- 2) An itemized estimate of the expenses associated with the research trip, which reflect economical choices of travel and accommodation;
- 3) A statement whether the applicant intends to enter the resulting paper in the Society’s Selma Moidel Smith Student Writing Competition in California Legal History;
- 4) A copy of the applicant’s curriculum vitae; and
- 5) A brief letter of recommendation from a person familiar with the applicant’s scholarly work.

Applicants should send materials by e-mail or conventional mail to:

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Grant applications will be expeditiously reviewed by a three-person review committee of faculty from differing institutions and must be approved by a unanimous vote.

Applicants are encouraged to enter the Society’s Selma Moidel Smith Student Writing Competition in California Legal History (<https://www.cschs.org/programs/student-writings>), and are also advised that publishable works resulting from this grant will be considered for inclusion in the Society’s annual journal, *California Legal History*.