



# The California Supreme Court Historical Society

## 2021

### CSCHS Selma Moidel Smith Student Writing Competition in California Legal History

DEADLINE: June 30, 2021

1st Place: \$2,500 and publication in the Society's journal, *California Legal History*.  
2nd Place: \$500, and 3rd Place: \$250; with possible publication in the journal.

TOPIC: Original, unpublished scholarly writing on any aspect of legal history that deals significantly with California, ranging from the Supreme Court itself, and its justices and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/essay/DavisVol41No2\\_Dear.pdf](http://lawreview.law.ucdavis.edu/issues/41/2/essay/DavisVol41No2_Dear.pdf)

JUDGES: The entries will be judged by independent legal historians.

ELIGIBILITY: The submission must be written during the student's enrollment in a school of law and/or graduate program in history or related fields.

GUIDELINES: Submissions must be between 6,000 and 15,000 words, exclusive of footnotes, 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](mailto:smsth@aol.com)