



# Projects and Events

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## NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### **BRAUN PRIZE ESSAYS FEATURED IN LATEST *WESTERN LEGAL HISTORY***

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- The latest issue of our journal *Western Legal History* features three historical essays, each a winner in the Braun Prize competition for best unpublished article on a western legal history topic.

The cover article, by Winston Bowman, a Ph.D student at Brandeis University, looks at the federal government's disenfranchisement of members of the Church of Latter-day Saints in the 1880s over the issue of polygamy.

In 2012, Cynthia Hayostek was the second runner-up for her article on the role Pennsylvania oil tycoons played in the development of Tombstone, Arizona's silver mines and their litigious activities to assert control.

Rounding out the issue is John Dougherty's piece on the effect of the Boldt Decision on Native American fishing rights for the sovereignty movement in the Pacific Northwest. This was the 2013 second runner-up for the Braun Prize, an award honoring Jerome I. Braun, NJCHS past president. The prize is supported by contributions from The Morrison & Foerster Foundation,

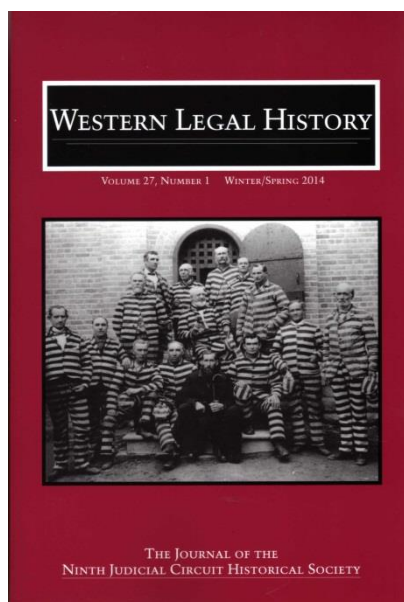


### **500+ SCHOOL KIDS TOUR *MENDEZ V. WESTMINSTER* EXHIBIT IN SAN DIEGO**

- More than 500 school children visited the award-winning traveling exhibit "A Class Action: The Grassroots Struggle for School Desegregation in California" during its display at the U.S. Courthouse in San Diego last fall. The children learned about the case, *Mendez v. Westminster*, became a major precedent in the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in 1954.



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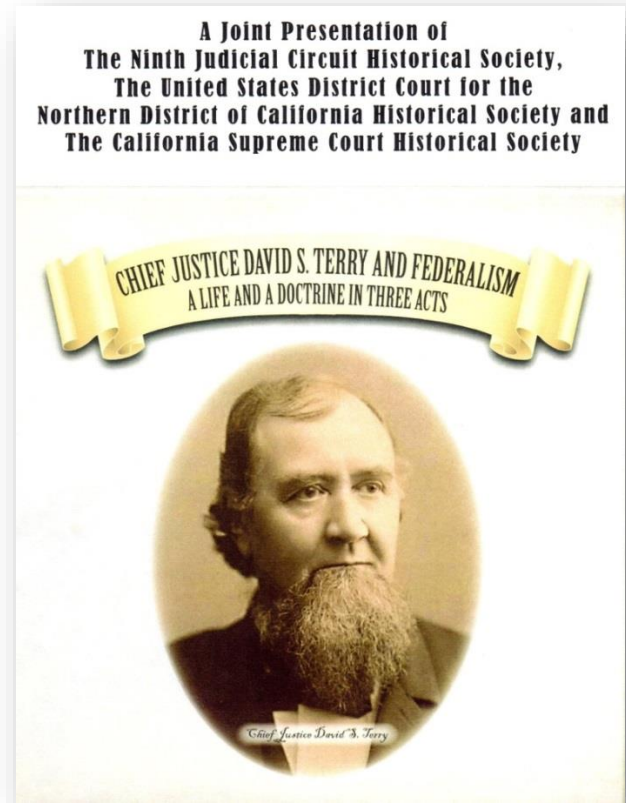
## **NJCHS JOINS WITH CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR FEDERALISM PROGRAM**

• The NJCHS, Northern District of California Historical Society, and the California Supreme Court Historical Society co-sponsored a multimedia program exploring state's rights and federalism as illustrated by notorious events in the life of California Supreme Court Chief Justice David Terry (1855-59).

The program was held in the Ronald Reagan State Office Building in Los Angeles in June 2013. Over 150 attendees, many receiving MCLE credit, enjoyed the program, which featured judges from the U.S. District Court and the California Court of Appeal reading original documents about Terry's duel with a U.S. senator, his 1856 clash with the San Francisco Vigilance Committee, and his 1889 assault on U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Field.

Afterwards, performers and attendees enjoyed a reception arranged by NJCHS Board member Rita Haeusler and her staff from Hughes, Hubbard & Reed LLP.

The program was also performed in Fresno and in San Francisco.



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## **NJCHS SPONSORS PANEL ON WATER LAW AT HISTORY CONFERENCE**

• The NJCHS sponsored a panel on “The Legal and Physical Infrastructure of Southern California Water” at the Western History Association 54<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Newport Beach in October 2014.

The panel featured water laws experts Donald Pisani, University of Oklahoma, Tanis Thorne, University of California-Irvine, Jason Robison, University of Wyoming, and Peter Reich, Whittier Law School.

The session was in honor of the late water law historian Norris Hundley, Jr., a professor of history at UCLA. for over thirty years. Hundley's book *The Great Thirst: Californians and Water*, is considered the seminal work in the field,

*Western Legal History* is publishing these papers in a special issue in Fall 2015.

