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**CEB Recognizes California Law Students with Award for Excellence in Legal Research and Writing**

Oakland, CA—Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), California’s premier legal resource provider, has named the winners of its Award for Excellence in Legal Research and Writing, given annually to law students in their second year of study at UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and UC Hastings. This year’s recipients are Matt Gauthier and Eunice Park, of UC Berkeley, who shared the award; Erika Watts, of UC Davis; and Miruna Pedescu of UC Hastings. Winners are chosen on the strength of submitted first-year briefs by panels of professors (for the UC Davis award) and practitioners convened by CEB (for the UC Berkeley and UC Hastings awards). In reaffirming its commitment to legal education and support of the profession, CEB this year doubled funding for the awards, from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per law school.



Justice James Lambden, CEB’s Linda Russell, and UC Hastings award-winner Miruna Pedescu.

Panelists for the UC Berkeley award included Niki Moore, founder and CEO of PracticePro and law lecturer at UC Berkeley; Elaine Andersson, CEO at Bricita Media LLC, attorney, and former associate dean at Golden Gate University; and Holly Fujie, a judge on the Superior Court of the State of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles. Director of Legal Research and Writing at the UC Davis School of Law Clay Tanaka led the UC Davis panel, and Justice James Lambden (Ret.) of the First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco, Judge Brad Seligman of the Superior Court of Alameda Country, and Daniel Barer, a partner at Pollak, Vida & Fisher, evaluated entries for the UC Hastings award.

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