2016 ACS National Student Writing Competition Finalists and Winners

Judges

- Judge Stewart Dalzell, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Judge George J. Hazel, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
- Judge John J. McConnell, U.S District Court for the District of Rhode Island
- Katherine Minarik, Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott
- Professor Kermit Roosevelt, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- Professor Sarah Shalf, Emory University Law School

Winner

The Legal Story of Guantanamo North
-Rylee Sommers-Flanagan, Stanford Law School

Runners-Up

The Ballot-Box, the Jury-Box, and the Cartridge-Box
-Nicholas Bernard, Georgetown University Law Center

Potential Citizens’ Rights: The Case for Permanent Resident Voting
-David Howard, University of Texas School of Law

Other Finalists

The Constitutionality of Wisconsin’s Act 10
-Scott Budow, Fordham University School of Law

Stemming the Hobby Lobby Tidal Wave: Why RFRA Challenges to Obama’s Executive Order Prohibiting Federal Contractors from Discriminating Against LGBT Employees will not Succeed
-Kayla Higgins, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law

Excluding Non-Federally Recognized Tribal Members from Obtaining Eagle Parts Under 50 C.F.R. § 22.22 Violates Post-Burwell RFRA
-Michael Novotny, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law

Breaking Down Equal Protection’s Wall of Intent: How Disparate Impact and Race-Consciousness Embrace the Spirit of Equal Protection & How the Court’s Antiquated Understanding of Discrimination and the Colorblind Approach Provide Unequal Protection
-Joshua Silberman, Barry University School of Law