Annual Award for Scholarship (2020)

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1) well written, since publications that are informative and develop new ideas need not be difficult to read;
2) tightly reasoned, with a clear analysis that does not detour from development of the main thesis of the argument;
3) broadly applicable to at least several programs or issues;
4) provide a new and timely insight into a current issue of administrative law;
5) provide a new theoretical construct that will aid in the understanding or development of administrative law or develop a practical recommendation for solving a problem of administrative law; &
6) contain a minimum of repetition or recitation of existing work.

The award recipient is selected by August, announced soon thereafter, and the award winner is invited to the Section's Administrative Law Conference held in Washington, DC in December 2020, precise date and location TBD.

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List of Award Recipients
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2017 Eloise Pasachoff, “The President's Budget as a Source of Agency Policy Control, 125 Yale L.J. 2182 (2016)”

Adrian Vermeule, “Law's Abnegation: From Law's Empire to the Administrative State (Harvard University Press 2016)”


1993  Thomas W. Merrill, Judicial Deference to Executive Precedent, Yale Law Journal (1992)


