Legal Scholars Meetings-Fall Semester 2016

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in MHC 1205 and will run for approximately 90 minutes. Dinner will be provided, so it is essential that you advise Professor Dryer at least a day in advance of the meeting if you will not be attending. The first 15 minutes of each meeting will be devoted to a discussion of current judicial decisions or other legal developments. Please come to the meeting with any recent events you would like to discuss. The balance of the meeting will be focused on a particular substantive topic and often involve a guest presenter. The schedule, discussion facilitator and topics are outlined below:


Thursday, October 6, 2016: “The Criminal Justice System: Prosecuting the Accused.” Guest presentation by Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill.

Thursday, October 27, 2016: “The Criminal Justice System: Defending the Accused.” Guest presentation from prominent Utah criminal defense attorney Fred Metos.

Thursday, November 3, 2016: “Sex, Drugs & Social Media: Legal Issues and Controversies in College Athletics.” Guest presentation from Robert Payne, Associate General Counsel, University of Utah.

Thursday, November 17, 2016: “Wearable Technology in Schools: Free Speech & Privacy Issues.” In a hypothetical exercise led by Professor Randy Dryer, students will act as school officials and decide whether to punish students for violation of school policy.

Thursday, December 8, 2016: “The LSAT, GPA & Other Indicators: Is Law School for Me? A candid discussion with S.J. Quinney College of Law Dean of Admissions Reyes Aguilar. Note: This meeting will be held at the S.J. Quinney College of Law.

Key Dates for Optional Related Activities

Wednesday, September 28, 2016: Author and Park Ranger Jordan Smith discusses “Engineering Eden, the true story of a violent death, a trial and the fight over controlling nature” S.J. Quinney Moot Courtroom. 12:15 pm

Friday, October 28, 2016: Trip to Utah State Third District Court to observe Judge James Blanch’s Criminal Calendar.