



Western Association
of Prelaw Advisors

2013 WAPLA Conference

**Preparing Prelaw Students for the Future:
Perception vs Reality**



APRIL 12-13, 2013

**Hilton Salt Lake City Center *and*
University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law
Salt Lake City, Utah**

Thursday, April 11 - Hilton City Center

5:00-7:00 PM **Conference Registration.** Registration Office counter, second floor

Friday, April 12 - Hilton City Center

Exhibit tables open all day: ACE Test Prep
Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions

Breakfast and Lunch in Grand A. All Conference Sessions in GRAND B. Second floor

- 7:00-8:15 AM **Breakfast buffet, GRAND A** *Sponsored by WAPLA*
- 7:15-8:15 **Conference Registration.** Registration Office counter, second floor
Sign up for dinner networking groups.
- 8:30-9:40 **Welcome and Announcements, GRAND B** Marilyn Hoffman, President, WAPLA
Keynote Speaker: The Lawyer as a Spoiled Identity
Paul Campos, Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School,
creator of the *Inside the Law School Scam* blog, author of *Don't Go to Law School (Unless . . .)*
- 9:50-10:45 **I'd Rather Be Working: Getting a Job in 2013**
Eileen Doyle Crane, University Prelaw Advisor, Utah Valley University
Julia Yaffee, Senior Assistant Dean, Santa Clara University School of Law
Tamara Martinez, Law School Consultant
- 10:45-11:05 **Break** *Sponsored by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions*
Enjoy refreshments and visit exhibitor tables located outside Grand B
- 11:05-12:00 **Financing Law School in the Current Economy**
Reyes Aguilar, Associate Dean, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law
- 12:00 -1:40 **Lunch in GRAND A** *Sponsored by Quinnipiac University School of Law*
Attorney Panel: Life After Law School
Moderator, Amy Urbanek, Prelaw Advisor, University of Utah
Heather Farnsworth, Match and Farnsworth
Jesse Nix, Salt Lake Legal Defender Association
Jason Greene, Anderson and Karrenberg
- 1:45-2:40 **Update from the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC)**
Vivian G. Bowden, LSAC, Prelaw Programs and Member Support Services
- 2:50-3:45 **Why Law School Is Still a Good Investment**
Gordon Smith, Associate Dean, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
- 4:00-5:00 **WAPLA Business Meeting/Wine & Cheese, TOPAZ ROOM** – WAPLA member prelaw advisors.
- After 5:00 **Evening on your own. Dinner networking groups** for advisors and law school reps at nearby restaurants. Sign-up sheets at Registration Office counter

Saturday, April 13

7:00-8:15 AM **Breakfast at Hilton City Center, [Canyons A-B](#), Second floor – Sponsored by WAPLA**

8:15-8:30 **Board Bus** (LeBus) at street curb in front of Hotel

8:30 **Bus departs** hotel for University of Utah College of Law

Sessions at S. J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, in Room 106

9:00-9:55 ***Current Practices, Changes and Trends in Law School Admissions: What's Happening in the Trenches?***

Moderator: Marilyn Hoffman, Prelaw Advisor, University of Utah

Eric James Eden, Director of Admissions, University of Nevada Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law

Iain L.E. Davis, Assistant Dean, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

Bianca Mack, Director of Admissions, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

Brian D. Miller, Associate Director of Admissions, Willamette University College of Law

10:00-10:55 ***Understanding Law School Consumer Information***

Kyle McEntee, Executive Director and Co-founder of the Law School Transparency Project

10:55-11:10 **Break.** Refreshments sponsored by WAPLA

11:10-12:05 ***Resources for Prelaw Advisors: What Are They, Where Are They, How to Use Them***

Kris Tina Carlston, Prelaw Advisor, Brigham Young University

Mary Nadarski, Prelaw Advisor, Arizona State University

12:05-12:15 **Board Bus** (LeBus) for Natural History Museum of Utah

12:15 **Bus departs** to Natural History Museum of Utah, award-winning architecture and exhibits

12:30-2:00 **Lunch at museum with guest speakers**—co-sponsored by S. J. Quinney College of Law and WAPLA

Innovations and the Future of Legal Education at the University of Utah S. J. Quinney College of Law

Dean Hiram Chodosh, University of Utah, S. J. Quinney College of Law

Interim Dean Bob Adler, University of Utah, S. J. Quinney College of Law

2:00 **First bus departs** back to hotel after lunch for those foregoing museum

Tickets to museum provided by WAPLA for those who would like to see museum exhibits

2:00-5:00 **Bus makes continuous loop** between museum and hotel

5:00 **Last bus departs** museum, back to hotel

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