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S.J. Quinney College of Law's Pro Bono Initiative recipient of \$10,000 grant from American College of Bankruptcy and American College of Bankruptcy **Foundation**

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The University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law's Pro Bono Initiative program has been selected by the American College of Bankruptcy and the American College of Bankruptcy Foundation to receive a \$10,000 grant to bolster pro bono services.

The U's grant was one of 48 pro bono grants totaling \$448,500 awarded to legal services organizations located in 27 different states. As one of their missions, the College and its Foundation, through their Pro Bono Committee, award grants to organizations providing assistance to individuals and groups in need of bankruptcy-related legal representation, training and/or education. In the last five years, the College and Foundation have awarded over \$2 million in grants to these worthy programs.

At the College of Law, many students gain access to volunteer opportunities through the Pro Bono Initiative — a noncredit volunteer program that allows students to build real world problem-solving skills to serve their community. The program has a three-part mission: to provide skill building legal opportunities under the direct supervision of attorneys; to develop placements where alumni can volunteer, network and serve as mentors to law students; and to demonstrate the professional responsibility of those in the legal profession to provide pro bono legal services to the underserved in the community who otherwise would not have access to the justice system.

The U's PBI sponsors 12 free brief legal consultation clinics throughout the Salt Lake City and Ogden areas, including: American Indian Law, Community Legal Clinic: Salt Lake, Community Legal Clinic: Ogden, Community Legal Clinic: Sugarhouse, Debtor's Law, Expungement Law, Family Law, Medical-Legal Law, Rainbow Law, Street Law, Wills for Heroes, Veterans Legal Clinic operate year-round and are staffed by volunteer students and volunteer lawyer supervisors. PBI also pairs students with practitioners in various placements including law firms, where students assist on pro bono matters, as well as nonprofit organizations and legal-related agencies.

The American College of Bankruptcy is an honorary association of bankruptcy and insolvency professionals. The Fellows of the College are selected for membership based on a proven record of the highest standards of professionalism and service to the profession, and include commercial and consumer bankruptcy attorneys, bankruptcy and other federal judges, bankruptcy trustees, United States Trustees and other federal officials, law school professors, and others involved in the bankruptcy and insolvency profession. The College offers unique and challenging educational programs and publications, maintains the National Bankruptcy Archives at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, and is believed to be the single largest financial supporter of pro bono bankruptcy services in the United States. There are approximately 900 Fellows of the College. The American College of Bankruptcy Foundation is a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization, supported by the College and by tax-deductible contributions from Fellows of the College and others.

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DEC 03	Downtown CLE – The Utah Rules of Civil Procedure: What's New and What's to Come December 3 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
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