

Busy, Busy, Busy

Weekly Report 11 - 10/29/18 to 11/04/18

This week has been less productive and more frustrating than weeks in the past. With the second six weeks coming to a close and two holidays in two days, it was a busy and hectic week. Halloween and Dia de los Muertos celebrations took up more time than expected and I had major grades in every class to study for, leaving little time to work on research. Admittedly, there was less focus on researching this week and more on other classes and extracurricular activities so much of the goals set previously were not accomplished. While a new idea was set for my original work, the research intended was not completed. In preparation for my interview, I did conduct some research on the insanity defense because of Ms. Crowder's previous experience on the Lisa Diaz case where this defense was used. However, the interview scheduled for Friday had to be rescheduled once for Monday and again for a date that has not yet been determined. Because of these circumstances throughout the week, little progress was made in expanding my knowledge on both criminal defense law and the history of partisan elections for judges. While only a small amount of additional research was done, previous work was reviewed extensively while working on my research presentation and visual aid.

The frustration and busyness of last week led to little work getting done, which I will catch up on this week. Keeping in line with my goals for the year, I will be updating my digital portfolio and binder as needed. The plan is to also conduct much more research than last week. I will be looking into other types of common defenses other than the insanity defense, and beginning research for my original work. The goal is to research the history of partisan elections in Texas and the differences between each type of judicial appointment system. Furthermore, the research presentation will be finalized and practiced during the week in order to be prepared for the presentation itself on Friday.