**Law Repositories Caucus Meeting – July 17, 2016.**

**Roundtable Meeting Notes**

**Topic: SSRN/Mendeley/Elsevier: What do we know and how will it impact our repositories?**

* Elsevier purchased SSRN in May – stated it was going to remain unchanged
* Now SSRN is starting to pull articles from SSRN without providing notice to authors <http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2016/07/ssrn-postings-and-copyright.html>
* SSRN claiming the articles are violating copyright
* Articles will be re-posted (with all statistics) once authors provide either (1) an author agreement allowing it to be uploaded to SSRN; or (2) an e-mail from the Journal permitting them to post on SSRN
* Not really clear how they are choosing which articles to pull – whether it is a person or a robot
* Great time to show the power of your institution’s repository – and the downfalls of having your papers archived elsewhere – you lose that control
* Unsure why they are doing this – seems to be no threat of liability to Elsevier – they are not the ones posting the articles
* Originally thought Elsevier did this transaction just to get the SSRN data – will help compute an impact factor for faculty members
* What to do:
	+ Let your Dean for Faculty Development know about situation
	+ Send e-mail to faculty letting them know about the issue and encourage them to monitor their papers on SSRN
	+ Encourage faculty to get permission to post to SSRN and their institution’s repository in author agreement
	+ Use this as an opportunity to promote your repository
	+ SOCARXIV was brought up as an alternative to SSRN – more for STEM and what is to stop this from occurring again
	+ Work with AALL and AALS to issue statement of Elsevier’s actions – does Elsevier really understand legal scholarship?