

MEMORANDUM

To: Jessica Sisco, NALP Board Liaison & Karl Riehl, NALP President
From: Mary Beth Walsh & Heather Spielmaker, Section Co-Chairs
Date: February 1, 2023
Re: Experienced Professionals Section, 3rd Quarter Report

Continuing Growth Efforts

Through Q3, we continued our overall goal of increasing membership in the Experienced Professionals section with social media outreach and communications.

Our communications/social media/member relations workgroup chair, Karen Kupetz, is sending out quarterly recruitment messages. She is assisted in this work by Christine Whitehead and Susanna Brennan, from our Knowledge Management workgroup. The most recent message, “New Year, New You: Professional Development” went out on January 25. The continued outreach is working. We now have 416 members! As of our last report, we had 400 members, and our initial membership in September before we started the outreach was 384 members. That’s growth of over 8% in just a few months.

Continuing the tradition of high-quality programming:

We are continuing to offer high-level, relevant programming to the Section’s members. Book Club remains very popular, as the 10/28 review of “Let’s Coach All the Lawyers” was attended by over 70 EP section members. Our next installment, reviewing “The Law Career Playbook: The Guerilla Guide to Getting a Legal Job You Actually Like” will take place in early March with two section volunteers reviewing the book.

Membership Call:

And finally, we held an EP Section meeting on 1/13 that was extremely well attended – there were 77 attendees on the Zoom! In addition to the usual meeting agenda items (AEC registration reminder, attending EP sponsored sessions, upcoming EP sponsored articles and book club), we also had a robust discussion regarding the recent exit of a number of schools from the US News & World Report Law School Rankings. Kelly Voight, Assistant Dean at Yale Law School, kicked off the discussion by detailing Yale’s decision to exit the rankings. An

engaging discussion regarding what this means for firms, schools, and students, plus next steps, followed.

Call for Proposals

We are putting out a message on NalpConnect this week to the EP section and to our respective Law School and Employer sections to encourage proposals for 2023 PDI and 2024 AEC, encouraging members to contact us if they are interested in the EP section sponsoring the proposal.

We are so looking forward to the AEC in Vancouver in April, and seeing so many of our colleagues in person. We are both presenting at the conference, and are excited to attend some of the sessions that the EP sponsored through the RFP process as well. We've really enjoyed leading such a talented group, and we look forward to connecting in person soon!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Walsh & Heather Spielmaker – Section Co-Chairs