

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Ende, NALP Board Liaison

CC: Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director

FROM: Rebecca Moor, NALP International & Advanced Degree Section Chair

DATE: June 4, 2021

RE: NALP International & Advanced Degree Section Board Report

Please find below a report of the International & Advanced Degree Section's activities during the last quarter.

Summary

Members of the International & Advanced Degree Advising & Recruiting Section continue to support each other as they face numerous issues caused by the pandemic, which has had a great impact international student enrollment, career and bar advising and law firm recruiting.

Work Group Update

The Section did not suggest any new work groups for the new year. Our vice chairs remain:

- AEC/Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning: Shannon Kahn, UC Berkeley
- Bar Exam Issues: Amy Kimmel, UC Hastings
- Legislative Monitoring: Shujun Tian, Georgetown
- LLM/Legal Masters Collaboration: Sara Marshall, William and Mary
- Member Relations: Megan Avellana, Ohio State
- Knowledge Management: Jabrina Robinson and Andrew Culburson

Membership Update

The following new members have recently joined our Section:

- Jose Ramos from Georgetown University
- Chandria Jackson from University of Houston
- Grace Roede from Campbell University
- Nicole Simmons from the University of Texas
- Simona Suen from the University of Minnesota
- Lena Gunderman from Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
- Jennifer Salyers from William & Mary
- Brandi-Leigh Miller from Cooley LLP

Each new member is sent an email to welcome them to the section which includes information about getting involved by submitting Bulletin articles, conferences RFPs or being part of work groups. Members also receive NALP's recently-updated LLM advisor manual.

Ideas for Future Meetings

Section members were encouraged to recommend new topics and/or guest speakers for our 2021-22 meetings. Shujun Tian suggested inviting Karin Fischer, the journalist behind [latitude\(s\)](https://latitudes.substack.com/) (<https://latitudes.substack.com/>), as a guest speaker to discuss international education issues.

Ideas for Bulletin Articles

Vice chairs were encouraged to send bulletin article ideas in advance our Section call to Shannon Kahn, who oversees RFPs and Bulletin Articles, with the goal of making it easier for less experienced Section members to volunteer to write (or co-write). Amy Kimmel suggested an article offering a "quick training guide" with tips, issues to be on the lookout for, things to flag specifically for advisors who don't normally work with international students (or an office that doesn't have a dedicated international student advisor). She also suggested an article on collaborating with the visa/immigration (non-career services) offices on programming or advising. Clara Solomon suggested an article on how international students fit into the DEI discussion happening at law firms and law schools right now. She suggested that she might be able to get a contact who is a DEI manager at a law firm to join her as a co-writer.

Section Call

We held a Section call on May 14 that focused on kicking off the new NALP year and encouraging members to get involved with our Section. Vice chairs were asked to introduce themselves, talk about what their work group does, and encourage members to volunteer. Members were also asked to submit ideas for and sign up to write bulletin articles in the upcoming year.

AEC

Our Section held three panels focused visas updates, networking for international (and first-generation) law students and best practices for hiring and retaining international students at the 2021 Annual Education Conference.

Bar Updates

Our Section's Bar Work Group updated members about updates to state bars throughout the quarter. Updates included announcements from the New York Court of Appeals on the extension of the in-person classroom requirement waiver for Fall 2021; a waiver from the DC bar for LLMs who cannot meet the 14 credit in-person requirement; and the introduction of international testing sites for the August 2021 MPRE test, which is normally only held in the US.

It also included information about a last-minute change that the NY Bar of Board Examiners made regarding the submission of the information in the LLM Certificate of Attendance form.

Next Steps

Environmental scanning will happen this summer, and our next Section meeting will be scheduled for the fall.