

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Ende, NALP Board Liaison

CC: Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director

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

DATE: March 10, 2021

RE: NALP International & Advanced Degree Section Board Report

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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 greatly impacted international student enrollment, career and bar advising and law firm recruiting. We have had three new members join since our last Board Report.

### Section Call

We held a Section call on March 2 that focused on sharing best practices for working through the issues caused by the pandemic and its impact on international students. Members commiserated over the challenges of offering career advice to international students who start at different times of the year, especially when they will graduate in an "off" hiring cycle. Members were particularly focused on those LLM students who deferred their start until spring semester 2021 and their (lack of) paid work options during the summer months in between their spring and fall semesters. Members discussed whether these students are able to do paid work on a student visa and whether summer funding would be available to them. Members also shared strategies to engage students who are studying remotely from abroad and how to help students find work under both the Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and the Optional Practical Training (OPT) visa status. We also discussed the upcoming 2021 Annual Education Conference, and members were encouraged to update NALP's law school and law firm directories.

### AEC

Our Section will be recording three panels focused on international students for next month's Annual Education Conference. Amy Kimmel asked the Section to submit stories about networking to share during her panel presentation.

### Bar Updates

Our Section's Bar Work Group updated members about updates to state bars, including the ever-popular New York bar. New York's recent announcement that applications for the July 2021 bar exam will be limited to 10,000 spots does not make a distinction between JD and LLM applicants, as NY BOLE has done in the past. Still, it will likely disadvantage international LLM students who, unlike JD students, have fewer bar options.

### Next Steps

Rebecca Moor will reach out to members in June for environmental scanning and workgroup updates. Our next Section call is planned for October.