

NALP International and Advance Degree Recruiting and Advising Section Report

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From: Clara Solomon, Section Chair
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Please find below a summary of the Section's activities during the most recent quarter. Our quarterly conference call was attended by 8 members, and NALP Connect was unfortunately very quiet during this quarter.

1. Work groups:

a. Conference Proposals & Bulletin Articles:

Two Section proposals were accepted for the 2014 Annual Education Conference

Cultural Issues in Advising International Students

Kandice Thorn, Michael McCarthy, Nyaguthii Chege

The Rise of the Admitted Student! Partnering with and Serving as Ambassadors for Your Admissions Office

Mark Goldfarb, Matt DeGrushe, Courtney Fitzgibbons, Tracy A. Sullivan

A Bulletin Article was published by Mary Maher regarding partnering with recruiting offices from non-legal employers (such as accounting and consulting firms).

This work group will begin thinking about proposals for the 2015 conference and 2014-2015 Bulletin articles in the coming months, with a focus on employer-related content.

b. Twitter Feed: Work Group Vice Chairs Kandice Thorn and Elizabeth DiGiovanni continue to Tweet on behalf of the group. Recent Tweets include:

BU starting study abroad program to Paris

USC Jumps into online LL.M.: <http://www.nationallawjournal.com/id=1202624710609>

US is Fastest-Growing Foreign Student Destination: <http://chronicle.com/article/US-Will-Be-Fastest-Growing/142191/>

We are discussing ways to streamline use of NALP Connect and Twitter so that members don't have to follow both, if they have a preference for one over the other.

c. Employer Outreach: The Section Employer Outreach committee continues to consider options for encouraging LLM employers to follow recommended offer timing guidelines – not only for international LLMs but also for students in domestic-trained programs.

The Employer Outreach group will consider ways to further engage international offices of NALP firms through possibly jointly writing articles on international hiring practices. There was some discussion of the work group also reaching out to "non-traditional" tax employers, after the success of Mary Maher's article on working with the Big Four.

2. Pro Bono: Section members continue to share information and ideas regarding New York State's pro bono rule as it applies to LLM students. Many section members participated in a web discussion hosted by Cardozo School of Law on this topic:
<http://cardozolaw.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer/Default.aspx?id=1fe360e6-d956-4a1b-b133-9199fb1486da> (was also tweeted).
3. Environmental Scanning/Additional Information:
 - a. Discussion focused on growth markets overseas – including Brussels in the EU, and also on practice areas that may be more open to an international student such as compliance and international arbitration.
 - b. Section members also continue to discuss opportunities for schools that are not part of the NYU or Columbia job fairs to increase their visibility to employers. New York Law School is hosting a panel discussion on January 23 for international LLM students that is open to any international student who is in the area.
 - c. Members discussed partnering with local bar associations and international Chambers of Commerce to sponsor international student events (the NYLS event mentioned above is co-sponsored by the European Company Lawyers' Association and the French American Bar Association).