

NALP International and Advanced Degree Advising and Recruiting Section Report

To: Lois Casaleggi, Board Liaison
 Cc: Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director
 From: Sara Marshall, Section Chair
 Date: October 13, 2015

Please find below a summary of the Section’s activities during the most recent quarter.

Schedule of Quarterly Section Calls (2015-2016)

All times are 1:00-2:00 pm EST, Wednesday, October 7, 2015 (completed); Wednesday, January 20, 2016; Wednesday, March 9, 2016
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I. Work groups:

- a. Annual Education Conference/Bulletin Article Planning (*Vice-chairs: Mary Maher, Northwestern; Caroline Springer, Georgetown*)

The Section is pleased to report that two out of the three proposals submitted for the 2016 Annual Education Conference were accepted:

Title	Presenters
The Weird and Wonderful World of International Organizations (joint proposal with Public Service Section)	David Glasgow (NYU), Miriam Ingber (NYU), Aican Nguyen (Chicago), Virginia Greiman (Boston U)
The New Big Firms on the Block: Accounting Firms and Their Recruitment of Law Graduates	Mary Maher (NW), Sara Marshall (Boston U), James Kossuth (Boston U)

The Section has submitted two Bulletin articles this quarter (one completed and one pending):

Title	Authors	Publication Date
Two-Year JD Programs for International Lawyers: A Primer	Amanda Jantzi (U Arizona)	August 2015
Compliance as an Emerging Legal Market	Sara Marshall (Boston U) James Kossuth (Boston U)	December 2015

On our recent conference call on October 7th, Caroline Springer, Vice-chair, led a discussion to encourage submission of new bulletin article topics. Suggestions included: Experiential Learning Opportunities for LLMs; Career Advising for Online Students; Advising

Non-Traditional Law Students. There were a number of new members on the conference call who expressed interest in collaborating on bulletin articles. Caroline is planning to follow up with those who expressed interest and assist with pairing co-authors. We especially look forward to encouraging involvement from new section members.

b. Bar Exam Issues (*Vice-chair: Clara Solomon, NYU*)

New York:

On our October 7th conference call, Clara Solomon led a discussion on recent updates from the NY Board of Law Examiners. The updates included:

- (i) A change in the *pro bono* requirement related to attorney supervision of work;
- (ii) Clarification on allowing LLM students to count the credits earned while a prior exchange student towards the credit hours required for bar exam eligibility;
- (iii) Clarification on permitting LLM graduates to complete missing bar eligibility courses following their LLM graduation.

The Section will continue to monitor any changes that may result for LLM students related to the recent adoption by New York of the Uniform Bar Exam.

California: We also shared information from one of our members, Elizabeth DiGiovanni (Stanford), on the status of California adopting a *pro bono* requirement for admission. Since this summer, there has been no change in status with respect to this proposal. The proposed rules were sent to staff of the Supreme Court and the California bar authorities are still waiting for guidance on how to pursue a review of the proposed rule amendments.

Our Section will continue to monitor potential adoption of the requirement by California and resulting impact on LLM students.

II. Environmental Scanning

On our most recent section conference call on October 7th, we discussed two main issues that advisors are seeing in their current work:

- a. Visa Issues: Work authorization issues continue to be a central aspect of overall advising of international JD and LLM students. In particular, some schools are finding an increasing tension with their international scholar offices. This tension often arises when considering the gray area of immigration law related to the performing of “charitable work.”

During our discussion, experienced advisors suggested having a meeting with the international scholar office at the start of the academic year to clarify issues. Another suggestion was to hold an information session on *pro bono* work at the start of the year. A suggestion was made to approach an outside bar association or professional group to hold a strategy session with immigration lawyers that might be more in-depth than if held on-campus, where there is a greater sensitivity to a school’s conservative policy.

- b. Resources for New International Student Advisors: There were several new section members who participated on the call and asked about resources related to online job sites for foreign-trained LLMs and other information about advising this cohort. We discussed the resources available on the NALP site and Bulletin archives and encouraged use of the discussion board on NALP Connect.

III. Planned agenda topics for next quarterly call in January:

- a. Review of Annual Conference programming and relevance to international student advisors and recruiters.
- b. Update on bulletin articles and potential webinars.
- c. Discussion of resources available to new international student advisors.
- d. Update on any new bar exam issues.