

MEMORANDUM

TO: NALP Executive Board
FROM: Natalie Bautista, NALP International & Advanced Degree Section Chair
DATE: April 6, 2023
RE: NALP International & Advanced Degree Section Board Report

Please find below a report of the International & Advanced Degree Section's activities since the last Board Report in February.

Section Call

Our last Section call was on February 9. During the call, our Section's Wellness Champion, Amanda Thyden, solicited programming ideas for LLM students and details on how our respective offices are supporting our mental health/well-being. Amanda further discussed a survey for our section to complete so the Well-Being Champions can receive data on how to better support NALP members. The Well-Being Champions hope to submit an RFP and have mental health discussed at an upcoming conference.

Clara Solomon gave a debrief of the 2023 International Student Interview Program (ISIP) for LLM students. Based on employer participation and recruitment in ISIP, the legal market for international attorneys this year reflects a strong European market, a downturn in capital markets recruiting and more entry level recruiting.

We ended the call discussing anything new we are seeing with our students this academic year. Members shared how career support has changed to meet the needs of current LLMs. To ensure that students are aware of programming, deadlines and resources some members are utilizing social media such as Instagram, creating video content and including links to resources in email responses rather than directing students to resources. The overall consensus was members providing more direction and reminders to students than in previous years to best inform students. Finally, various members shared engagement of employers at their respective schools. Some members hold events over breakfast so alums and students can connect. Other members communicated that student affinity groups ensure that employer-sponsored events include LLMs. Members shared that the employment engagement is not recruitment focused, but it provides a great networking opportunity for the LLM students. Further discussion on the above will be an agenda item for our section meeting on April 27th. Thereafter, we hope to develop resources for best practices to share with our Section.

Work Group Update

The Section did not suggest any new work groups for the new academic year. As we enter into a new business cycle, our section has a new vice chair and some vice chairs rolling off their positions.

Our vice chair for AEC/Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning, Kerry McLean (Columbia Law) has stepped down due to her accepting a NALP regional representative role. Additionally, one of our co-chairs for the Knowledge Management work group, Jabrina Robinson, (Duke) is stepping down from her role to explore other vice chair roles within our section. Finally, our vice chair for Legislative Monitoring, Sunita Iyer (Georgetown Law) is stepping down from her position. However, Ruth Ann Castillo (Georgetown Law) will take over as vice chair for Legislative Monitoring. I continue to fill the vice chair role for Member Relations that was left vacant in May. Recruitment continues to be ongoing to fill the vice chair role for the Communications, Social Media & Marketing work group. These openings were

discussed during our February 9 Section call and all open vice chair roles will be posted to our Section. Finally, as mentioned below, we recommend tabling the LLM/Legal Masters Collaboration work group.

Current vice chairs:

- AEC/Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning
- Bar Exam Issues: Amy Kimmel, UC Hastings; Claire Lee, Boston University School of Law
- Legislative Monitoring: Ruth Ann Castillo, Georgetown Law
- LLM/Legal Masters Collaboration: We recommend tabling this work group until an interested vice chair would like to take over.
- Member Relations
- Knowledge Management: Sarah Gruzas, USC; Ana Maria Knapp, Hogan Lovells
- Well-Being Champion: Amanda Thyden, USC Gould School of Law
- Communications, Social Media & Marketing

AEC/Bulletin Article and Webinar Planning

Kerry McLean, 2022-2023 vice chair of this work group, posted to our section resources and information on the RFP process and during our last Section meeting discussed and encouraged our members to submit RFPs for AEC 2024. Kerry will be posting again to our Section before she rolls off her position. RFPs for AEC 2024 and article proposals for the NALP Bulletin+ will be an agenda item for our Section meeting on April 27th.

Membership Update

The following new members have recently joined our Section:

- Sarah Beznoska, CSU College of Law
- Jessica McGovern, Cozen O'Connor
- Ruth Ann Castillo, Georgetown University Law Center
- Gina Alexandris, Gina Alexandris Coaching & Consulting
- Justin Zuschlag, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- Yazmyne Vasquez Eterovic, University of Miami School of Law
- Rosina Zapparoni, University of California, Berkeley School of Law
- Amelia Curotto, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
- Jill Hwang, Boston College of Law School
- Amy Kolb, Boston College of Law School

Each new member is sent an e-mail 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 LLM advisor manual.

Next Steps and Updates

Our next quarterly meeting will be at the Annual Education Conference in Vancouver, BC on Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 2:45pm-4:00pm

Finally I am excited to share that Caroline Ruhle (Penn Carey Law), will be joining me as co-chair for this Section.