

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Ende, NALP Board Liaison

CC: Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director

FROM: Shujun Tian, NALP International & Advanced Degree Section Chair

DATE: October 21, 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 continued to have an impact on international student enrollment and LL.M. program structures, career and bar advising and law firm recruiting. While law campuses have returned to in-person learning and administrative staff have returned to work in-person, many recruiting events and programs still continue to take place in a virtual setting.

Work Group Update

The Section did not suggest any new work groups for the new academic year. One of our co-chairs for the Knowledge Management work group, Andrew Culburson (USC) has stepped down due to his leaving his position at USC. Sarah Gruzas (USC) and Ana Maria Knapp (Hogan Lovells) are speaking with Jabrina Robinson about co-chairing the work group. One proposal for the Knowledge Management work group is to create a resource for employers on the employment and immigration law issues involved in hiring non-citizen/international attorneys, and we hope this resource could potentially benefit all employer-side members of NALP.

- 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, Duke

Membership Update

The following new members have recently joined our Section:

Claudette Harris (Emory)

Tomea Mersmann (WashU)

Thomas Lee (Penn State)

Mackenzie Salenger (SMU)

Kalie Walrath (Zuckerman Spaeder LLP)

Traci Sharpe (USF Law)

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 recently-updated LLM advisor manual.

Section Call

We held a Section call on September 21 that focused on kicking off the new academic year and encouraging members to get involved with our Section. Vice chairs were asked to introduce themselves and give an update on any developments. We also received a Board update from our Board liaison, Mike Ende, and heard about new initiatives and opportunities for our members to become involved with NALP.

International Student Town Hall

Mike reported on the NALP Board's enthusiasm for an international student/international legal education focused town hall as a follow up to and in furtherance of the discussion that took place in the international student NALP town hall from summer 2020. If international education journalist Karin Fischer cannot be a part of this town hall, we will consider inviting her to speak with

Expert Q&A/Panel with the JD Advising/Solo-Small CSO Sections

Working with the JD Advising Section, we thought one effective way to share our resources as well as gain visibility for our Section within NALP was to offer up some of our members as resources for a Q&A/panel discussion on international student advising best practices for JD advisors and small CSO who may have some international students in their portfolio but not enough to consider themselves international student advisors. We had a planning call with the JD Advising Section on what topics should be covered and the proposed format for the discussion and then solicited volunteers from the Section on our Section call.

Next Steps

I, along with our Q&A volunteers, Clara Solomon (NYU), Caroline Springer (Georgetown Law), and Amy Kimmel (UC-Hastings) will reach out to the JD Advising Section co-chairs, to set up a

time for the panel. We will schedule another Section call for the beginning of the spring semester to see how our members have transitioned back to an in-person/hybrid schedule, and if we have learned of any effective virtual practices for advising and recruiting that we will continue even as campuses have re-opened.