

NALP International and Advance Degree Recruiting and Advising Section Report

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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 10 members, including two new participants.

1. Work groups:
 - a. Conference Proposals & Bulletin Articles:
We submitted two proposals to the 2015 Annual Education Conference, both of which were submitted based on feedback from Section members and non-members:
Navigating Visa Requirements for International Attorneys
Clara Solomon, Natalie Bautista, Fazila Vaid, Kimberly Klein

Bar Exam Requirements for Foreign-Trained LL.M. Students
Clara Solomon, Marni Goldstein, Polly Lawson

The section is putting in at least one proposal for a Bulletin article.
 - b. Twitter Feed: Work Group Vice Chairs Kandice Thorn and Elizabeth DiGiovanni continue to Tweet on behalf of the group. Recent Tweets include:
For China's Job Seekers, Multinational Companies Lose Their Magic
University of Arizona First to Offer a BA in Law
First female law firm opened in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
2. Pro Bono: Charlie Cramton, the informal Chair of this work group is retiring in July. The section is monitoring the NYS pro bono requirement and sharing tips and ideas informally during section calls.
3. Strategic Plan: We are preparing a survey of our members to determine what issues should be included in the Section strategic plan report. Topics of interest include: growth in new LLM programs nationwide; LLM enrollment trends; LLM employment (in the US); international hiring of JD and LLM students by NALP member firms; LLM job fairs; professional development and training in international offices; expansion of and advising for non-degree post JD programs (certificates, etc) and for non-lawyer Master's programs (MSL style programs); online learning.
4. Environmental Scanning/Additional Information:
 - a. All schools with international LLM programs are facing a continued increase in Chinese-trained LLM students and in JD students whose undergraduate degree is from China. Schools are looking for more resources for advising students from China. Schools are also looking for resources for contacting employers (corporations, real estate development, etc.) with ties to China.
 - b. Counselors are struggling with balancing a realistic employment picture (for employment in the US) with admissions priorities when communicating with international LLM students. While none of the schools (currently) post employment

statistics for international LLM students, there is more of an effort being made to collect accurate data from this group of students. For domestic-trained LLM students, especially in Tax programs, there is more pressure to post employment statistics and conform to ABA reporting standards for transparency. Schools are struggling with how to meet this demand.

- c. A number of new schools have joined the section (Georgia, Tulsa, among others) as they are either creating new LLM programs or expanding existing LLM programs. The Section continues to serve as a resource to new comers to the LLM field.