

## NALP LLM SECTION REPORT

To: NALP Executive Board  
From: Elise Luce Kraemer, International and Advanced Degree Advising and Recruiting Section Chair  
Re: Quarterly Report  
Date: July 2, 2009

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** This was an incredibly productive and exciting quarter for the section. We had a great amount of energy and momentum coming out of the annual NALP conference in Washington, DC and are well on our way to meeting many of our goals for the year.

### Section Name Change and Expansion:

The NALP LLM Section has expanded to become the **International and Advanced Degree Advising and Recruiting Section**. The new Section name better reflects the increasingly international focus of the current Section membership. In addition, the Section wants to reach out to more NALP employer members who are involved in JD international recruiting and the evaluation of international experience for both international and domestic positions. The Section will also now officially offer support to career counselors charged with the often daunting task of advising students and alumni on international opportunities, while continuing to serve members who counsel and recruit international and/or domestic LLMs. The new name was truly a collaborate effort and we are thrilled to have the proposed changes approved.

### On Line Resources:

The Section has two new online resources in the works, which are slated to be available via the NALP website this fall. One is an *LLM Advisor Manual*, which will provide essential information for counselors who advise both domestic and non-US trained LLMs. The other resource, which will be useful to many recruiters, is a *Best Practices Guide for Recruiting International Attorneys*.

- **LLM Advisor Training Manual:**  
This nuts and bolts manual has been drafted and extensively edited. The feedback so far from the firm-side editor was: "This manual is great! In fact, I don't have anything to add at all (and that's rare). It's well-written, succinct, and totally on-point. I thought it was a great overview and will be helpful to all LL.M. advisors." The work group is awaiting feedback from the other firm-side editor. The LLM Advisor Training Manual Work Group: Vice-President is Ian Kelly. Also on the committee: Jessica Dworkin and Sandra Buteau
- **The LL.M. Recruiting "Tool Kit"**  
This resource has been drafted and the work group has solicited quotes. The work group is awaiting feedback from the firm-side reviewers. The LL.M. Recruiting "Tool Kit" work group: Vice-President is Clara Solomon. Also on the committee is Jessica Hernandez

### Upcoming Bulletin and NALPNow Articles:

- An article announcing the section name change and expansion and inviting new members has already gone out in NALPNow and will be in the August edition of the Bulletin.
- An article entitled “The Growth in US Graduate Programs for JDs: A Guide for Employers and Career Advisors” will also appear in the August Bulletin. Authors are: Clara K. Solomon, Director, Counseling & Career Development, NYU School of Law; Sara Marshall, Assistant Director, Professional Development, Boston University School of Law; and Ian Kelly, Associate Director, LL.M. Programs, Northwestern University School of Law
- An article proposal entitled "LL.M. Career Development – Programming Needs of International Students" by Elizabeth Armand and Anne Marlenga has been accepted and will be published later this year.

### **Environmental Scanning:**

Fred Thrasher forwarded an article from the NACE spotlight reporting the H-1b Visa Quota was not exhausted as of May 28<sup>th</sup>. This was shared with the section for feedback.

### **Efforts at Recruiting Firm-Side Members:**

As section chair, on May 27<sup>th</sup> I reached out to over twenty firm-side members, including all firm-side members who checked “LLMs/Foreign Students” on in the NALP directory, to see if they would be interested in getting involved in the section and/or were willing to review materials. Of that group, two members responded that they were interested in participating and have agreed to review materials. Clara Solomon is working with me to identify possible other firm-side members based on ISIP participation. The section would welcome any suggestions from the Board on members to reach out to.

### **International Directory of Legal Publications:**

Is now available and can be ordered from NALP Publications.

### **Blog Working Group:**

Blog Work Group – Vice-President is Clara Solomon. Also on the committee is Ian Kelly, Ivana Kadic and Elise Luce Kraemer. The blog we were hoping to post on, (lawprofessors.typepad.com blog) has since closed down and we will have to brainstorm about another blog to post on.

**RFP** entitled “The World is Flat, but International Job Opportunities are Just Round the Corner - Counseling and Recruiting for Global Legal Opportunities” was the only RFP submitted by the section.

**Quarterly Conference Calls:** The last conference call took place on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm EST and a summary of the meeting was shared with the section via listserv on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. At our next scheduled conference call on Monday, August 3, at 2:00 pm EDT, we hope to welcome new members, as well as discuss section business. In addition, an extensive email regarding the name change and other matters went out to the section on 5/18.

Best wishes,

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