

NALP LLM SECTION REPORT

To: NALP Executive Board
From: Elise Luce Kraemer, LLM Section Chair
Re: Quarterly Report
Date: September 24, 2008 – Amended April 10, 2009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The LLM Section has continued to work on various initiatives through the busy fall season and has a couple of new ideas. In addition, our quarterly conference call took place on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 and included fifteen section members.

1. Ideas for Programs for LLMs at the Spring Conference

Unfortunately, only one of the three RFPs submitted by the LLM section was accepted. Charlie Cramton named the potential speakers for his “Visa Update 2009” and expressed some concern about the abundance of speakers from Cornell. We talked about continuing to submit joint programs, like the one the LLM section did with the Diversity Section, to improve the chance of an LLM program getting selected.

We discussed other ways to connect at the conference, including a happy hour to be organized by section members in the DC area. The idea further developed into a NALP Foundation sponsored happy hour to celebrate the launch of the newly revised International Lawyer Qualification Directory, discussed below. Mary will reach out to the NALP foundation with the idea.

2. LLM Manual

The section volunteer will submit the draft to Elise Luce Kraemer ASAP, having been unable to do so by the original July deadline.

3. Mentors

Elise suggested a mentor/mentee program to match folks who have LLM counseling experience with newer counselors/counselors newer to LLMs. Another member suggested that we also reach out to the newer and experienced professional’s sections to include them, which Elise (or the coordinator of the mentor program) will follow up on. The section is looking for a member who is interested in coordinating the mentor program. In the meantime, those interested in participating are directed to email Elise at ekraemer@law.upenn.edu.

4. Ideas for our next call

We discussed having the next conference call be devoted to “Things you wished you had known.” Experienced counselors will each come up with one or two key things to know when counseling LLM students to share with the group during the call.

Our next LLM section quarterly conference call is scheduled for mid-December, exact date TBD.

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