

## NALP LLM SECTION REPORT

To: NALP Executive Board

From: Elise Luce Kraemer, LLM Section Chair

Re: Quarterly Report

Date: February 3, 2009 – Amended April 10, 2009

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** This was a relatively quiet quarter with only one or two postings on the listserv.

1. Quarterly Conference Call – The section’s quarterly conference call took place on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and included thirteen section members as well as our liaison Beth Hanson.

- Charlie Cramton of Cornell Law School provided a comprehensive and informative discussion regarding the process for foreign lawyers to apply to take the New York Bar exam. He focused particularly on the appeal process and provided practical advice on working with students.
- Emily Lawrence of Franklin Pierce Law School asked a question about the current market for LLM students, which generated a discussion of how difficult it is for foreign lawyers to find positions in the United States in general and how this has become even more acute in light of the economic climate.
- Elise Luce Kraemer advised the group that the NALP foundation is hosting a reception to celebrate the release of the new edition of the International Qualifications Directory on the Tuesday night before the annual NALP conference in Washington, DC. Many group members commented that Wednesday night would be much better as they will not yet be in town. *See below for follow up on the reception.*
- The group will be meeting next at NALP during the section meeting.

2. LLM Manual and Brochure:

- [The section volunteer reports](#): “ I hope to have the final draft ready by Friday Feb. 27.”

- Clara Solomon reports that she will be working on this on her own due to Jessica Richmond's recent move to Ohio, and that she has written an outline for the brochure and am hoping to get more done shortly.

### 3. International Directory Update:

I advised Tammy Patterson of the NALP foundation that many LLM section members were interested in attending the reception, but that Tuesday night was not a good time for many members. Tammy explained that the reception is already set to take place on the Tuesday before the NALP conference as that date did not conflict with other NALP programming and that it follows the NALP Foundation Board Meeting. I have offered to send an invitation to the reception to the NALP section via the listserv.

### 4. Interview Programs:

At this time of year, there are several interview programs designed for foreign LLM students. The fairs are run by several different schools and the hosting school determines which schools participate in a given fair. The largest program is the International Student Interview Program hosting by New York University Law School, which took place from Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. There was also a smaller Student Interview Program hosted by Columbia the same weekend. The 2009 West Coast International LL.M. Job Fair hosted by UCLA Law School is set for February 20.

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