

## NALP LLM SECTION REPORT

To: NALP Executive Board  
From: Elise Luce Kraemer, LLM Section Chair  
Re: Quarterly Report  
Date: July 2, 2008 – Amended April 10, 2009

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The LLM Section has been working hard on following up on the many exciting ideas that came out of the Annual Conference in April. In addition, our quarterly conference call took place on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and included ten section members as well as our NALP Board Liaison, Beth Ann Hanson.

#### 1. Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2009 Annual Education Conference

All three RFPs were, in fact, submitted. (1) “Visa Update 2009” planned by Charlie Cramton and Amanda Taratuski will include an immigration law expert, Steven Yale-Loehr, who is often quoted in the national press on immigration matters; (2) “How to Effectively Market LLMs to Law Firms/How to Effectively Recruit Top Talent” planned by Jessica Richman, will include presenters: Skip Horne, Ken Schwartz, and Timm Whitney; and (3) “Increasing Diversity through LLM Hiring” is co-planned by Beth Johnson of the LLM section and Dana Morris from the Diversity Section.

#### 2. Articles for the Bulletin

Amanda Taratuski has submitted a proposal for an article summarizing Visa issues for an upcoming the January Bulletin.

#### 3. International Directory of Lawyer Qualifications Working Group

Mary Maher, former LLM Career Counselor at Northwestern has been hired by the NALP Foundation to spearhead this project. Mary will be sending out an email to the LLM listserv to seek members who are interested in helping with the project.

#### 4. Proposed NALP Publication/Brochure

Jessica Richman and Clara Solomon are working with NALP on a brochure. The feedback from NALP was to make the brochure more informational and less a marketing tool. I am confident Jessica and Clara will be able to pull off both. There is a rumor that there was a prior Brochure regarding LLMs, however no one on the conference call was familiar with it. If anyone at NALP or in the section has a copy of the mystery brochure, please get in touch with me.

#### 5. Professional Development Manual

A volunteer will be submitting a draft of the proposed manual to me in July.

6. Getting off to a good start – do you notify your LLM students in advance about the US job market? NYU, Cornell, Santa Clara and Duke send out letters in advance and topics/goals discussed include: managing expectations, reviewing resumes early, bar admission information, US job market, networking at home, focus search “globally,” and participation in OCR programs.

7. Tracking LLM graduates. The consensus is that it is a difficult task, made more challenging by the fact that many LLM graduates do not have jobs at the time of graduation. Cornell offers an IPOD prize drawing for those students who complete an exit survey. NYU holds graduation tickets until the exit survey is completed, but still has trouble with compliance. NYU, does, however, have some success tracking students after the fact using google, linked-in and facebook. NYU is willing to share data that it receives from ISIP employers about callbacks with the group, which may help a little with tracking.

8. The question was raised about the change in the OPT rule. Amanda agreed to talk off-line to answer questions. However, Charlie recommended that LLM graduates volunteer while searching for employment to stay in the US. Professors at the Law School may be able to “employ” LLM volunteers to do research.

9. Affinity Groups – International Section

The International affinity group meet for the first time immediately after the LLM conference call ended. The conference call was advertised on the nalp-intl listserv, as well as the LLM listserv. However, the group was quite small and the conversation was fairly limited. I am considering advertising the next meeting to increase participation and welcome input.

10. Listserv

There have been several posting on the listserv seeking information and input from the group, including questions about sending out letters before students arrive, the Financial Times LLM ranking, and NY bar requirements. In addition, I shared an article about LLMs. Although the information was potentially useful, the email violated NALP policy because it posted the entire article instead of a summary and a link to the article on a subscription website. In the future, I will be sure not to repeat this mistake.

11. Going Forward

Our next LLM section quarterly conference call is scheduled for late September, exact date TBD. I am grateful to the section members for all their hard work over the past few months.

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