

TO: NALP Directors  
FROM: Kristine D. Bridges  
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RE: Law Student Professional Development Section Quarterly Report

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I. *Collaboration with Lawyer Professional Development Section –*

- a. Vice-Chair Susan Fine reported in the Quarterly Section Call that LPD Section liaison, Maria Minor, and Law School PD member, Marcia Levy are putting together a webinar addressing Project Management. Maria and Marcia offered that the webinar is slated for early December and will serve as a tool that law school professional development offices can use to education students on essential project management principals.
- b. This Spring, this collaboration will also endeavor to produce another webinar addressing What Law Firms Want Law Schools to Know about PD.
- c. We hope to also collaborate with the LPD Section on a *Bulletin* article on business development. A call for volunteers was made and members followed with Susan after the call. On the Section call, members expressed interest and support for these endeavors.

II. *Environmental Scanning during Section Call –*

- a. Given the continued and growing interest in this topic, this Section will endeavor to a *Survey of Law School Professional Development Programs* capturing the following information on the nature of the program components at schools having PD programs.
  - i. The following schools reported structured PD endeavors:
    1. Cardozo – “Center for Professional Development”
    2. University of Oregon – Required PD course for students
    3. Washington & Lee – collaboration with faculty for PD endeavors as the bar is not as assessable due to size
    4. Florida State – “JUMP” Series addressing various PD issues
    5. St. Mary’s – “Programming on the Fly” Series, 10-mintue snippet videos addressing PD issues that students can access
  - ii. Members were open to other schools contacting them and sharing information about their respective programs
- b. Some schools reported lower 2L turnout to events and job postings, although other reported they are not seeing a decrease, but instead

competing programs from student groups that are diverting student attention from PD programs.

III. *Law Student PD focus at PDI*

- a. Members are encouraged to attend NALP PDI in December.
- b. There are a handful of dedicated PD programs – *Creating Better “Career Marriages”*, *“Professional Development Can’t Start at the Office”*, and *Making the Pitch for a PD Curriculum at Your Law School*.
- c. Many other programs cross over between law firm and law school PD
- d. Law Student Member Roundtable on Friday morning