

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Craig Compton, Board Liaison

Cc: Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director

From: Greg Miarecki and Tiffany Tucker, Co-Chairs of the Law Student Professional Development Section

Date: October 17, 2024

Re: Second Quarter Board Report, NALP Law Student Professional Development Section

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### **I. Leadership**

The following NALP members have been appointed to the following roles within the Section:

Co-Chairs:	Greg Miarecki and Tiffany Tucker
Section 303 Work Group:	Sarah Beznoska
Leadership Work Group:	Greg Miarecki
Well Being Champion:	Meredith Barnes
Student Engagement Work Group:	Hailey Floyd
Liaison to Lawyer PD Section:	Julie Dietrich
Liaison from Lawyer PD Section:	Susanne Aronowitz

### **II. Meeting Dates**

The Section met initially at the 2024 AEC in Boston, and again on June 5, 2024. We scheduled a meeting on October 2, 2024, which needed to be rescheduled due to technology issues. The rescheduled will take place on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM ET/1 PM CT/1 PM PT.

- Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 4PM ET / 3PM CT / 1PM PT
- Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 4PM ET / 3PM CT / 1PM PT

### **III. Conference Proposals**

Section leadership actively promoted submission of proposals from NALP members. These efforts resulted in submission of the following proposals:

- Lessons on Leadership: What the Legal Profession Can Learn From Barack Obama
- Leadership Development: From Law Student to Associate
- Practical Tips for Complying with Standard 303
- Meet Me in the Middle: Professional Development for 2Ls
- Mind the Gap: Tackling Law Student Professional Development Deficiencies

- Working Effectively with Student Groups
- Helping Eaglets Fly: Teaching Business Development to Law Students and Junior Associates
- Unlocking Potential: Counseling Neurodivergent Law Students
- Teaching and Maintaining Professionalism When Students and Employers Behave Badly.

We are pleased to report that all but one of these proposals was accepted by either the PDI planning committee or the NALP AEC 2025 committee.

#### **IV. Upcoming Projects**

- a. Plan and execute two leadership-focused roundtables between now and the 2025 AEC in Cleveland. The first roundtable discussion has been scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. See attached flyer for more details. The second session is currently being constructed, and it is scheduled for February 12, 2025.
- b. The section submitted a number of proposals for NALP Bulletin articles. Three of them were accepted, including
  - i. Building Your Leadership Development Program – From Log Cabins to Taj Mahals (Greg Miarecki) (December 2024) (already submitted)
  - ii. A Primer on Standard 303: What You Need to Know Now! (Sarah Beznoska) (January 2025) (due November 15, 2025)
  - iii. How to Transform Your Orientation in Light of Standard 303 (March 2025) (due January 15, 2025)
- c. We are also considering doing short webinars focused on Standard 303(b) and how to partner with students organizations to develop programming.

#### **V. Roundtable Discussions**

Our plan is to have a topic for discussion at each meeting. Potential topics include:

- a. How to convince our students that “soft skills” matter.
- b. How to generate respectful dialogue between different points of view
- c. How to integrate Section 303 efforts with doctrinal faculty
- d. St. Mary’s yearlong orientation (Julie Dietrich and Robin Thorner will partner)
- e. How to get students to engage in professional development training