

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director
Brad Sprayberry, Board Liaison

FROM: Jennifer Gallinson, Section Chair

DATE: April 5, 2018

RE: Lawyer PD Section Update

Below is a brief summary of the contributions in our group:

I. Work Group Reports

- **Education Work Group:**

The following articles were also published in the NALP Bulletin on behalf of our section: *Best Practices for Partnering with External Coaches* (Jen Rakstad) (February). This group also offered to assist on any member submissions for the 2018 PDI conference and brainstormed with members on our last call.

- **Law Firm/Law Student PD Collaboration**

Throughout the year we have collaborated with Elisabeth Beal on the law school side. The Law Student PD section published a booklet summarizing their over 30 interviews with Law School PD professionals. The group indicated that they would look to the Lawyer PD section to conduct similar interviews but this did not happen in this NALP year. We should continue to encourage collaboration between the sections.

- **Membership Work Group**

Jeannette continues to reach out via phone call and email to new members to welcome them and offer them any assistance they need in accessing the group's resources. She implemented a plan to run NALP Connect reports to stay on top of any new additions. She provided guidance to individual members who contacted the section via NALP connect.

- **Best Practices Work Group**

During this quarter, we planned a webinar called “Self-Doubt & Imposter Syndrome: Why They Hit the Legal Profession Hard and How to Hit Back.” This program took place on March 28th and was led by Neha Sempat. The topic seemed to garner significant interest among members with over 100 people registering for the program.

II. Other Section News

Our Quarterly Call took place on March 15th. We had approximately 10 participants. Brad provided an update on the many developments from the February board meeting. The group discussed hot topics and potential programs for the 2018 PDI Conference. The following were discussed: mindfulness and general wellness initiatives at law firms; use of technology and innovation in law firms and related PD and training; competencies and benchmarks and the use of both in law firms; group coaching and internal initiatives to promote business development. Thank you again for the opportunity to lead this section. I'll look forward to staying involved as an active member!