

Memorandum

To: Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director
Melanie Priddy, Board Liaison

From: March 19, 2019

Re: Lawyer PD Section Update

The PD Section continues to work on initiatives identified at the beginning of the 2018-2019 season. We look forward to continuing these initiatives and developing additional ones during the 2019-2020 NALP year. Detailed information on the individual work groups are below.

I. Work Group Reports

Education Work Group

On our March section call, I reminded members that the RFP process is open for PDI of this year and the AEC of 2020. I encouraged those who are attending the upcoming AEC conference to use this time to think about programming they would like to see at upcoming conferences. I encouraged membership to be on the lookout for information after the AEC on how to submit a proposal or Bulletin article from the Education Work Group Vice-Chair.

Law Firm/Law Student PD Collaboration

LSPD is still looking for volunteers from law firms to share any non-proprietary PD programming that law schools can share with law students. I encouraged individuals interested in sharing non-proprietary information to reach out to Elisabeth Beal. There is a need for collaboration between these two sections, however, given the lack of volunteers who were willing to share information, this was not the initiative

Best Practices Work Group

The Best Practices section wrapped up their final webinar on March 11th. Lauren Rikleen of the Rikleen Institute for Strategic Leadership led the webinar From #MeToo to What's Next: Results from a Survey of Workplace Conduct and Behaviors in Law Firms. 81 members registered for the event. We look forward to continuing excellent webinar programming in the coming year.

Membership Work Group

Cindy Haynes continues to welcome new members to section and serves as a resource for those who want to learn more about how to get involved in the section.

Professional Identity Formation Work Group

Terrene Burke gave an update on the Professional Identity Formation collaboration received from Susan Fine of the LSPD section. The Holloran Center is working on finalizing competency milestones so that there is seamless skill continuation from law school to law practice. At the upcoming AEC, members of the Holloran Center will convene a focus group to get input from firms on how well the Milestones align with firm competency models. The focus group will take place during the lunch period on Thursday, April 11. Once the details are finalized, information will be posted on NALP connect. We encouraged law firm PD members to attend this session.

II. In Closing

To wrap-up the March section call, Melanie Priddy gave an report from the Board's February meeting. In addition, I encouraged section members who will attend the upcoming NALP AEC to attend the LPD section meeting and to brainstorm on what initiatives or programming the section may want to pursue in the 2019-2020 year. Having the section members brainstorm ideas and give input on what initiatives they want to pursue will hopefully generate more involvement in the coming year.

I would like to thank the NALP board for the opportunity to serve this past year and look forward to contributing where I can in the coming year.