

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jennifer Gallinson, Section Chair

DATE: February 1, 2017

RE: Lawyer PD Section Update

The Section has continued to do well this quarter. Overall the group is committed and responsive. We still struggle with membership and participation on calls. While we continue to use NALP Connect to communicate with our members, we don't often get a lot of discussion on NALP connect among our members. We welcome board input on this topic.

I. Work Group Reports

Education Work Group: Jeanne Picht

The following articles were published this quarter:

1. *Leveraging Summer Associate Training to Achieve Multiple Goals*: Jean Vrola,
2. *Notes from a Newbie: Five Takeaways from My First Conference Presentation*: Kristin Heryford,
3. *Inspiring the Uninspired: Motivating our Lawyers and Law Students to Engage*: Angelique Magliulo-Hager and Werten Bellamy

The next task for this work group will be to solicit proposals for 2017 PDI, which are due on March 31st.

Law Firm/Law Student PD Collaboration: Angelique Magliulo-Hager

This work group is working with the Law Student PD section on a list of questions CSOs would most like to ask firm employers. This has not yet been accomplished to date.

Membership Work Group: Kristin Heryford

Kristin is working to improve new section member welcome procedures including initial welcome email and other resources. Kristin is also planning to use her recent article on her 1st conference presentation to reach out to new members and encourage them to submit RFPs for PDI.

Best Practices Work Group: Michele Bendekovic and Kay Nash

Michele and Kay have identified appropriate “best practices” resources and have posted several helpful resources on the Library/Resources page on NALP Connect. They continue to ask members to provide additional resources for consideration: CLE program checklists, self-evaluation forms, lateral integration forms, individual BD plans, individual PD plans, training program checklists, sample orientations and sample evaluations.

Paul Burton presented a webinar on January 17th entitled Wait! Why you Procrastinate and What You Can Do About It! It was well received and well attended.

II. Other Section News

We had our Third Quarter call on January 19th. We had 8 callers, including 2 new members. The call was active and lasted approximately 30 minutes. We discussed our favorite moments from PDI. One particular highlight for this group was the information on how to track date & reporting on PD initiatives. Another key takeaway was the evolution of online learning and how to use online learning as a tool to enhance in person learning objectives. Lawyer wellness continues to be a hot topic as is mindfulness.

We are continuing to look at ways to promote our section and collaborate with law schools, experienced professionals, recruiting and diversity and, outside of NALP, the PDC. As was apparent by the fact that there were nearly 400 attendees at the December PDI, I know that there is a great deal of interest in PD among the members. I welcome any feedback from the board on improving section engagement. Finally, I would be interested to know if there are any topic or topics that the board would like the PD Section to look at more closely. Please let me know if there is anything the group can be doing to assist the board in any way.