

MEMORANDUM

To: Jennifer Gewertz, Board Liaison

Cc: Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director
Claire Nash, Members Services Coordinator

From: Legal Employer Alumni Relations/Programs Section Leadership Team
Clare Roath and Erin Warner, Co-Chairs
Mari Foster, Vice Chair

Date: June 26, 2025

Re: June Board Report, NALP Legal Employer Alumni Relations/Programs Section

Leadership Team

Co-Chairs:

- Clare Roath, Troutman Pepper Locke, clare.roath@troutman.com
- Erin Warner, Troutman Pepper Locke, erin.warner@troutman.com

Vice Chair:

- Mari Foster, David Polk Wardell, mari.foster@davispolk.com

Annual Education Conference/Bulletin+ Article and Webinar Planning Vice Chair:

- Sarah Owens Willig, Winston & Strawn, sowenswillig@winston.com

Career Transitions Working Group Vice Chair:

- Matthew Pascoello, Akin Gump, mpascoello@akingump.com

Member Relations, Vice Chair:

- Debby Caldwell, Winston & Strawn, dcaldwell@winston.com

Well-Being Champion:

- Philip Sanford, Freshfields, philip.Sanford@freshfields.com

Diversity Liaison:

- Sylvia James, Winston & Strawn, syames@winston.com

Quarterly Section Call Overview

The Section Meeting was held on May 22, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

- Clare welcomed everyone to the first section meeting on the year with thanks to Laura Higgins and Haley Niven for their great leadership last year.
- Clare announced that NALPConnect would be used as the primary mode of communication for the section and encouraged members to update their profiles and notification preferences.
- Erin encouraged members to use NALPConnect for their questions/inquiries/requests for help and reminded members to check prior threads and library materials for prior comments on topics of interest.
- Clare announced a date change for one of the section meetings

- Clare announced an open role for the Career Transitions Working Group Vice Chair and encouraged members to get involved.
- Erin guided introductions to and updates from the leadership team members on the call.

AEC Proposal / Bulletin+ Discussion

- Sarah Willig Owens presented a Power Point reviewing ideas for the 2026 AEC and bulletin articles. Reminded everyone of the deadline for AEC – August 1, 2025.
- Ideas from discussion about AEC sessions included:
 - Alumni Tech and Tools
 - From Ivy to Industry: What Corporate Alumni Programs Can Learn from Higher Ed
 - Off Boarding Culture: Designing Good Exits and Lifelong Relationships
- Bulletin+ Article submissions due June 12 (communicated extensions post-meeting)
- Ideas submitted include:
 - The Alumni Tech Trifecta: Insights from Building, Buying, and Integrating Platforms
 - How to NALP: A First-Timer's Guide to Making the Most of Your First Conference
 - Beyond the Farewell: Alumni Engagement as a Strategic Tool in Retirement Transitions

New Member Introduction

- Debby Caldwell Introduced new members

DEI Liaison

- No Update

Well-Being Champion

- Introduced Philip Sanford as new Well-Being Champion. No update.

NALP Liaison

- Everyone is excited to have Jennifer Gewertz return as our liaison. Jen was unable to attend this meeting.

Open Discussion / Presentation

- Advisory Boards
- Using AI in Alumni Relations (hits and misses)
- Alumni Newsletter Samples
- Career-related topics for programming/webinars for in-house and alumni attendees

Upcoming Events

- **Section Meetings**

- Tuesday, September 30th at 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 4th at 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 5th at 12:00 p.m.
- In-Person at NALP's Annual Education Conference – Date and Time TBD