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**TO:** Jean Durling, Board Liason - Law Student Recruiting Section

**CC:** Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director

**FROM:** Cristin Bolsinger, Law Student Recruiting Section Chair

**DATE:** February 6, 2008

**RE:** Law Student Recruiting Section Quarterly Report

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**I. Summary**

This report provides a summary of the activity of the Law Student Recruiting Section for the period from October 2008 to the present. I do not have much to report but decided to put this into writing for the sake of formality. When I submitted my last report in October, I commented that we were all focused on simply getting through the fall recruiting season, which proved to be extremely challenging. I had no idea at that time how much worse things were going to get, but am thankful that we can rely on our NALP colleagues for support, guidance and sound advice.

**II. Bulletin Articles**

Our next *Bulletin* article is scheduled to appear in the March issue of the *Bulletin*. The original author again backed out, but I was able to find a replacement this time. After speaking with Jessica Buchsbaum, the Director of Legal Recruiting & Professional Development at Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP (Miami), I decided that her upbeat, humorous approach to summer program budget slashing was just what we needed. We brainstormed on ways to scale back summer spending while maintaining fun and interesting programs. I commented on her outline and subsequent drafts of the article prior to submission. The writing and re-writing process took about a month from start to finish.

If all goes as planned, our next article, which will address best practices for tracking offer/decision deadlines, will appear in the May issue of the *Bulletin*.

**III. Goals for the Section for Next Quarter**

My goals for the Section for next quarter are to: 1) get our next conference call on the calendar for February 2009; 2) ensure that our Section publishes another piece in the *Bulletin*; and 3) encourage and facilitate the exchange of ideas among Section members.

Finally, I welcome any suggestions or feedback from you regarding things that you would like to see the Section do or issues you would like for us to tackle in the coming months. I

also thank you for the informative member conference calls and webinars that you have organized during the past several months. I think we all feel a little lost, and it is very helpful to hear different perspectives and practical advice on how to make it through these difficult times.

C.A.B.