

NALP SMALL & SOLO CSO SECTION QUARTERLY REPORT

TO: Tammy King, Board Liaison

From: April Giancola and Lorelei Craig, Section Co-Chairs

Cc: NALP Info

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Our section held its meetings in May 2024 and June 7, 2024. During our meetings we discussed the charges of the work groups and sought volunteers to serve as Vice Chair. We also gave thanks and gratitude to our past Chairs, Kim Underdown and Leslie Becker Wilson.

This report identifies our leadership team, outlines our communication plans and lists the Section's AEC proposals, Bulletin+ article proposals, and future meeting dates.

1. Leadership Team

Section Co Chairs

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New Member Liaison, Chair

Megan Dougherty, UMKC School of Law, megan.dougherty@umkc.edu

2. Communication

In order to make our quarterly meeting as productive as possible, we will meet with the section vice-chairs prior to the remaining quarterly meetings. In addition to hearing about work group updates, we will encourage the vice-chairs to engage in discussions that stem out of the environmental scanning workgroup or other topical issues.

We plan to continue with the Tuesday Topic posts on NALPConnect. We recognize that the members of this section, especially, have myriad responsibilities, and we hope that through these prompts we can create ongoing dialogue and continue to share timely information and helpful resources with each other.

3. AEC Proposals

The Small & Solo CSO Section sponsored or co-sponsored the following proposals for the 2025 AEC (they are also listed in priority order as asked for by the NALP Conference Planning Board):

1. It's not you, it's your job posting!
2. Bottoms Up! How to Counsel Students at the Bottom of the Class
3. I've Got Big Jobs in Smaller Places: Embracing Opportunities in "Wide Open Spaces".
4. Legal Desert to Legal Oasis: Why Students and Attorneys Should Practice in Rural Communities
5. Mind the Gap: Tackling Law Student Professional Development Deficiencies
6. Networking Events, Board Meetings & Travel, Oh My! Allocating Career Officer Time Beyond 8 to 5

Bulletin+ Article Proposals):

1. Pre-cruiting in a Small & Solo CSO: What Our Students Need to Know – April Giancola, New England Law Boston
2. Student Meeting Notetaking Best Practices – Laurie Dufoe, Drake University School of Law

4. Our quarterly meetings will be held via Zoom on the following dates:

Friday, October 4, 2024 @ 12 p.m. PST/ 2 p.m. CT/ 3 p.m. EST
Friday, January 10, 2025 @ 12 p.m. PST/ 2 p.m. CT/ 3 p.m. EST
Friday, March 7, 2025 @ 12 p.m. PST/ 2 p.m. CT/ 3 p.m. EST