

NALP SMALL & SOLO CSO SECTION QUARTERLY REPORT

TO: Tammy King, Board Liaison

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

Cc: NALP Info

DATE: March 19, 2025

Our section held its last meeting of the service year on March 7, 2025. During our meeting we thanked the members for their service and discussed the charges of the work groups. We also asked the group to think about leadership for the following service year, and, if we believed we needed any additional workgroups to execute the goals of our Section.

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

April Giancola, New England Law Boston agiancola@nesl.edu

Lorelei Craig, University of OR lcraig@uoregon.edu

AEC/Bulletin+ and Webinar Planning Vice Chairs

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- AEC and Bulletin+ topic discussed more below

Environmental Scanning Chair

Stacey Blakemann, University of KS

- Tuesday topics we discussed doing it every other week.

Programming Best Practices, Chair

Laurie Dufoe, Drake University

- Laurie asked everyone to discuss their favorite program.

DEI Liaison

TBD

Well Being, Chair

Jill Gerrard, University of Hawaii WS Richardson School of Law, jgerrard@hawaii.edu

New Member Liaison, Chair

Megan Dougherty, UMKC School of Law

- Megan sent welcome notes to all of the new members and will send out calendar invites for future quarterly meetings.

2. Communication

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 and they have been selected for 2025 AEC:

Bottoms Up! How to Counsel Students at the Bottom of the Class – 4/9 @ 1:15 pm

I've Got Big Jobs in Smaller Places: Embracing Opportunities in "Wide Open Spaces". – 4/9 @ 3:00 pm

Mind the Gap: Tackling Law Student Professional Development Deficiencies – 4/10 @ 10:00 am

4. Bulletin+ Article Proposals

Two articles were authored by section members:

- Pre-cruiting in a Small & Solo CSO: What Our Students Need to Know – April Giancola
- Best Practices in Student Note Taking – Laurie Dufoe

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 10 1:00-2:15 pm TBD in person at NALP AEC in Cleveland