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Dear Mina,

I attended the ABA Midyear Meetings in Miami last week as NALP's Liaison to the ABA Solo, Small Firm and GP Division. The following is a summary of my activities and action items for your consideration.

First, thank you for giving me this opportunity. It was an honor to represent NALP and help forge a stronger connection to the ABA.

On Thursday I attended a panel discussion at St. Thomas University School of Law with Division members where panelists discussed solo and small firm practice. Later that afternoon, I attended the membership committee's meeting where I was introduced and discussed the publication that the Task Force produced, "What To Do When It's Time to Hire a New Attorney". The publication was met with strong enthusiasm by the membership committee.

I also attended a lecture featuring Joann Lublin, author of Earning It, and met leaders within the Section and the Law Practice Division, including the chair-elect and members of the newly-created Women's Initiative Network (WIN). That evening, I attended the Section dinner where I met more members.

Finally, I spoke at the Division's Council Meeting on Saturday where I was given time to discuss the liaison role, NALP's interest in collaborating, and the publication that was created by the Task Force. **The Section leadership made a motion to approve the publication and co-brand with NALP. The motion passed unanimously so we are now in process to take action steps to make this a reality.**

ACTION ITEM:

1. **NALP Liaison Leadership Succession.** There are upcoming ABA events where a NALP presence is important to our ongoing efforts: the next Small Firm Summit will be held in the fall in St. Paul, Minnesota, as well as the ABA Meetings in New York City in August 2017. Kim Kocian, my staff contact at the ABA, whom I got to know better in Miami expressed a strong interest in having a Liaison from NALP for 2-3 years. The ABA believes that it's best to have a couple of years of intersection and then pass the Liaison role on. From my prior writing experience with the ABA, I know this is the culture. Note: I am happy to undertake the Liaison role for another year or two if that's the intention of NALP, but this is ultimately your decision. Let's discuss this?

Have a great week and I look forward to hearing from you,

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