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RE: Quarterly Liaison Report

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I. Meetings

The ABA Young Lawyers Division (YLD) has had two meetings since my last report: (1) the ABA's Annual Meeting held August 8-13, 2013 in San Francisco, CA; and, (2) the YLD Fall Conference in Phoenix, AZ, held October 10-12, 2013. I was unable to attend either meeting due to OCI and other programming commitments.

II. Initiatives

The YLD is focusing on 3 initiatives in the 2013-2014 bar year:

1. *The Next Steps Diversity Challenge*: This initiative's goal is to increase diversity in the pipeline to the legal profession and may be of particular interest to members of NALP's Diversity Section. The initiative will be featured during the YLD's May 2014 Spring Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, where the top 3 pipeline projects and programs developed by law student and young lawyer affiliate organizations will be honored. **Pipeline project proposals must be submitted by November 30, 2013**. Additional details concerning eligibility and guidelines are available at: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers/diversity_and_inclusion/next_steps_challenge.html.
2. *Anti-Bullying Initiative*: The YLD's 2013-2014 public service project is an anti-bullying campaign designed to educate and empower students, parents, educators, young lawyers and other community members to end the bullying epidemic. The YLD's [anti-bullying website](#) includes resources to familiarize attorneys with anti-bullying statutes across the country and tips for representing clients in this area.
3. *Career Development Initiative*: This ongoing initiative is a partnership between the YLD and the ABA's Career Center. Programming is focused on a different theme each month. I have reached out to Kari Petrasek who is leading this initiative to offer my assistance as NALP's YLD liaison.

III. Publications

I was interviewed for an article on student leadership to be published in the *ABA Student Lawyer*. In response to the author's question about leadership training offered by law schools, I referred her to my career services colleagues at Emory University School of Law, Assistant Dean Lydia Russo and Associate Director Sarah Bennah, to discuss Emory's innovative practice societies. The article will be published in December 2013. I will forward a copy of the article with my next report.

An ABA contact informed me that *The Young Lawyer* (the YLD's newsletter) is going through a redesign from a 10-time per year newsletter to a quarterly magazine with a much larger web component. This format change is still in process and it is unclear what *The Young Lawyer's* needs will be going forward. The editor has received my contact information and she will follow up if there is an opportunity for collaboration between the publication and NALP.

Thank you for allowing me to serve NALP as its liaison to the YLD this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information.