

MEMORANDUM

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Re: **NALP CLCDN Liaison Quarterly Report**

A. Recent Activities and Projects of Interest

Since my last report, the Canadian Legal Career Development Network (the "CLCDN") has undertaken the following activities/projects of interest to NALP:

1. Continued Collaboration on Virtual Events
2. Clerkship Projects
3. Shared Resources
4. Regular Virtual Meetings
5. CLCDN Email Listserv

1. Collaboration on Virtual Events

- Windsor Law and LASL joint employer panel for the 1L Toronto Recruit - January 12, 2023
 - "Get the Scoop - Toronto Summer Hiring!" 1L Summer Recruitment Panel
 - Co-facilitated by LASL and Windsor Law, featured several employers looking to recruit first-year law students. Advice was shared about how to create strong applications, navigate the interview process and to learn about the 1L summer programs.
- Ottawa OCI's (Joint for Ontario schools) - January 31 and February 1, 2023
 - This year's joint Ottawa OCI program was for law students attending Western, Windsor, Osgoode, Lakehead, Lincoln Alexander School of Law and the University of Toronto. The program was coordinated and facilitated by Windsor Law.

2. Clerkship Projects

- Joint Clerkship Panel - OttawaU - October 4, 2022
 - Representatives from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Federal Courts participated

3. Shared Resources

- U of T Cross Canada Licensing Document
 - U of T Law Graduate Studies prepared and shared with the CLCDN a Cross-Country Licensing Chart that all members are able to access and provide updates to more easily keep track of the various licensing processes across the country.

4. Regular Virtual Meetings

The regular remote (Zoom) meetings of CLCDN members that was initiated in March 2020 as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues. These meetings are typically held on a biweekly basis. We have also invited employers to some of our meetings to add their perspectives on recruitment matters.

At our recent meetings, the group has discussed the following topics:

- 2023 summer recruits for 1L and 2L students in various regions & career fairs
- Changes to Clerkship application deadlines and liaising with courts to confirm and/or negotiate changes to deadlines
- Plans and schedules for articling and summer recruits for 2024 and beyond
- Various other student recruitment and career-related matters

5. CLCDN Email Listserv and Shared Resources

The CLCDN continues to maintain its email listserv, which members use to share information about student recruitment developments and employer hiring intentions in their region, disseminate job postings, discuss legal career-related matters, and collaborate on resources & events.

B. Upcoming Events of Interest

The CLCDN continues to hold regular bi-weekly Zoom meetings to discuss topics relating to recruitment, professional development, career coaching as well as current topics affecting law schools and students. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 6, 2023**.

C. Benefits for NALP to Continue Liaison Relationship with CLCDN

The CLCDN is an active network that continues to provide important insights into the Canadian market to all NALP members, with CLCDN members initiating, leading, and contributing many important NALP Canadian Section and Canadian Regional activities, discussions and resources.