

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 27, 2017

To: Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director
Lisa Blair, NALP Board Liaison, Canadian Section

Cc: Lynn Iding, Canadian Section Chair
Kim Bonnar, Canadian Regional Representative

From: Madeleine Natale, Career Advisor, University of Calgary, Faculty of Law and CLCDN Liaison to NALP

Re: **NALP CLCDN Liaison Fourth Quarterly Board Report**

I am submitting this report as the CLCDN Liaison to the NALP Board. The CLCDN has not met since the Third Quarterly Report was submitted, therefore, updates will be brief.

As outlined in the Third Quarterly Report, the CLCDN submitted a Feedback on Recruitment Procedures letter to the Law Society of Upper Canada (LSUC) regarding: (1) the new cooling-off period, (2), the follow-up interviews and (3), intent to call (ITC) emails. The CLCDN received a response from LSUC representative Will Morrison indicating that their tentative plan is to adjust point 1, the “cooling off period,” as per the CLCDN’s recommendation. Mr. Morrison’s response to points 2 and 3 was that fuller consideration is needed. He explained that given the significance of the potential changes and the time constraints for the fall 2017 recruitment process for 2018 summer positions, the LSUC intends to defer consideration to the following year (2018 recruitment for 2019 summer positions). The Summer and Articling Working Group has been contacted and further consideration will be given to points 2 and 3 during the fall of 2017.

Articling Recruitment for 2018-2019 positions will be taking place across Canada in major jurisdictions during set recruitment periods between May and August of 2017. Various CLCDN members have circulated their respective law societies’ recruitment dates and guidelines for the benefit of Canadian law students.

The next CLCDN meeting is scheduled for June 14 and 15 2017 in Kamloops, British Columbia hosted by Thompson Rivers University (TRU). Christi McAuley (TRU) has requested agenda items from the CLCDN. She is currently organizing a professional development session during the meeting, tentatively regarding either professional writing or LinkedIn best practices. The Winter 2017 CLCDN meeting will be organized by CLCDN members Anna Maria DeCia (University of Windsor) and Jordana Laporte (University of Toronto).