

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 9, 2020

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Cc: Kara Sutherland, NALP Board Liaison, Canadian Section
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Re: **NALP CLCDN Liaison Fourth Quarterly Report**

A. Recent Activities and Projects of Interest

Since my last report dated February 6, 2020, the Canadian Legal Career Development Network (the "CLCDN") has undertaken the following activities/projects of interest to NALP:

1. Regular COVID-19 Remote Meetings
2. CLCDN Email Listserv

1. Regular COVID-19 Remote Meetings

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CLCDN members have instituted regular remote (Zoom) meetings of its members. So far, these meetings have been held on March 27, April 3, and April 9, 2020. At this time, the intention is to hold these meetings weekly.

At our meetings, the group has so far discussed the following topics:

- 2021-2022 articling recruit in various regions, including whether it will go ahead on the dates as originally scheduled, and if it does, what accommodations/changes to the recruit will be necessary (e.g., videoconference);
- 2021 2L summer recruit, including OCIs, including whether the group's preference is to advocate for it to be delayed;
- How various career services offices are supporting their students during this crisis;
- Best practices for videoconference interviewing/OCIs;
- Updates on changes to licensing processes in various regions; and
- Various other COVID-19-related matters.

2. *CLCDN Email Listserv*

The CLCDN continues to maintain its email listserv, which members use to share information about COVID-19-related developments in their region, disseminate job postings, discuss legal career-related matters, and collaborate on resources.

In this past quarter, members of the group have been particularly helpful in sharing the resources they've prepared for their students in order to support them during the COVID-19 crisis, as well as sharing information about various law society/licensing developments in their region.

B. Upcoming Events of Interest

Unfortunately the group's annual summer meeting, which was to be held in Montréal on April 27 & 28, 2020, in advance of NALP's Annual Education Conference, has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

The CLCDN plans to hold weekly Zoom meetings for the time being to continue to discuss issues relating to the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on the legal job market.

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.