

MEMORANDUM

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Re: **NALP CLCDN Liaison Quarterly Report**

A. Recent Activities and Projects of Interest

Since my last report dated June 21, 2021, the Canadian Legal Career Development Network (the "CLCDN") has undertaken the following activities/projects of interest to NALP:

1. Continued collaboration on Virtual Events and Other Resources
2. Clerkship Video Project
3. Regular Virtual Meetings
4. CLCDN Email Listserv

1. Collaboration on Virtual Events

The virtual nature of events occurring during the 2020-2021 academic year has allowed the CLCDN to collaborate on career-related events more easily. The events (including both live events and recordings of live events) developed and shared by CLCDN members with all member schools during the 2020-2021 academic year included:

- Info session with the following courts:
 - Ontario Superior Court of Justice
 - Federal Court
 - Ontario Court of Appeal
- Ottawa IP Employers' Summer Recruit Info Session
- Toronto 2L Summer Recruit Info Series (separate sessions with employer panels):
 - Preparing Applications
 - Toronto OCIs: The Employer Perspective
 - Getting Ready for Toronto Interview Week
- 1L Hiring Panel – Employer Panel
- Rural Practice and the Canadian Bar Association BC Branch's REAL Program info session
- Ontario Ministry of Attorney Session – "MAG Day"

- London Recruit Info Session

2. *Clerkship Video Project*

Members collaborated on a project to work with various courts to create/update videos that outlined their individual application processes for students to view to help them navigate the various processes. Some courts include:

- Ontario Superior Court of Justice
- Ontario Court of Appeal
- Superior Court of Canada

3. *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 particular recruitment issues

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

- 2022 summer recruits for 1L and 2L students in various regions;
- 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 2023 and beyond
- Various other student recruitment and career-related matters.

4. *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 Zoom meetings to discuss topics relating to student recruitment. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7.

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.