



MEMORANDUM

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Re: **NALP CLCDN Liaison First Quarterly Report**

A. Recent Activities and Projects of Interest

Since my last report dated April 9, 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 Summer Meeting
3. CLCDN Professional Development Sessions
4. CLCDN Email Listserv

1. Regular COVID-19 Remote Meetings

The regular remote (Zoom) meetings of CLCDN members that was initiated in March 2020 as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic has continued. During this quarter, the group has held these meetings on April 17, April 24, May 1, May 11, May 19, May 25, June 1, June 8, and June 22.

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

- 2021-2022 articling recruit and the 2L 2021 summer recruit (including OCIs) 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);
- Best practices for videoconference interviewing/OCIs; and
- Various other COVID-19-related matters.

2. CLCDN Summer Meeting

While the originally scheduled annual summer meeting, planned for 2020 to be held in Montreal in conjunction with the NALP Annual Education Conference, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, the group decided to instead hold this meeting remotely. The meeting was held on Monday, June 15.

Topics discussed at this meeting included collaborating on virtual programming, remote OCI best practices, and the CLCDN winter meeting typically held every December in Toronto.

3. CLCDN Professional Development Sessions

The CLCDN held two professional development sessions during the month of June.

On Monday, June 15, the group had a 60 minute session on the topic of “Can We Free Ourselves From the Stress of COVID-19?”, presented by Catherine Raymond, affiliated with the Centre for Studies on Human Stress.

On Monday, June 22, the group had a 90 minute session on the topic of “Turning Your Coronavirus Stress Into Personal Growth and a More Meaningful Life”, presented by Jarrett Green and Rebecca Simon.

Both sessions provided attendees with useful tips to pass along to students as well as for members to use in their own professional and personal lives.

4. CLCDN Email Listserv

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

B. Upcoming Events of Interest

The CLCDN plans to continue to hold weekly Zoom meetings to discuss issues relating to the COVID-19 pandemic’s effect on the legal job market. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 29.

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.