

NALP BOARD LIAISON REPORT
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Report any meetings, webinars, calls or conferences with organizations you have attended in the last 3 months:

- April 4, 2024 (CoLAP Monthly Meeting)
- April 10, 2024 (ABA Well-Being Pledge Spring Workshop)
- April 15, 2024 (CoLAP Law School Monthly Meeting)
- May 2, 2024 (CoLAP Monthly Meeting)
- May 20, 2024 (CoLAP Monthly Law School Meeting)
- June 6, 2024 (CoLAP Monthly Meeting)
- I also attended bi-weekly meetings of the ABA Well-Being Pledge Signatory Committee as I am a member of that committee as well. The Well-Being Pledge Signatory Committee is a CoLAP subcommittee.

Report any notable information or project of interest to NALP/NALP members within the last 3 months:

- The Law School Subcommittee raised the issue of the impacts of earlier OCI programs on law student mental health during the general CoLAP monthly meeting. We discussed this both in the general meeting and in the Law School Subcommittee.
- The ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions is currently accepting suggestions for revisions to the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools that the Council might consider during the 2024-2025 year. CoLAP is discussing whether they will be writing a letter suggesting mandatory well-being courses in law schools as a submission.
- There is continued discussion of how different states handle conditional admission of law students to the bar following graduation. I will continue to monitor and provide updates on this issue.

Report any upcoming project or event of interest to NALP:

- CoLAP Annual Conference is coming up on September 24-26, 2024. The theme is “Transformations: Satisfaction, Competence, and Well-Being in All Stages of Life, Law, and Recovery.”
- The ABA Well-Being Pledge Committee is currently in the middle of the Pledge recommitment process with legal organizations recommitting to the Pledge or committing for the first time.

Future CoLAP Business Meetings:

- July 11, 2024
- August 1, 2024

Report any goal(s) you hope to accomplish by end of your term:

I look forward to sharing ideas and information between NALP and CoLAP for the benefit of both. As I get to know CoLAP better, I will be able to share more information and be creative in suggesting ideas for partnership and collaboration on topics and initiatives of mutual interest.

Identify any other NALP members(s) who also play a role of note with this entity:

- Robin Belleau, Director of Well-Being, Kirkland and Ellis
- I continue to get to know everyone involved on the CoLAP Committee since I’ve only been the liaison for a few months.

Identify what significant benefits there are for NALP to continue this liaison relationship:

- The well-being of lawyers and law students is a priority for both NALP members and member organizations and for the ABA.
- The Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs has a great deal of insight and information on well-being programs, policies, and initiatives throughout the profession, both for law schools and legal employers.
- The membership/focus of NALP/CoLAP are similar: legal employers and law schools.
- We have valuable information to share with each other and opportunities to collaborate to serve our shared constituencies.

I’m grateful for the opportunity to serve as Liaison to the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have questions or wish to further discuss this report or other initiatives of CoLAP, the ABA Pledge Committee, or other well-being-related questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Brodin, NALP Liaison to the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs