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I am extremely excited about my nomination for Nominating Committee! I have been an active member of NALP since 2011. I served on Nom Com in 2016-2017 and found it to be extremely important work and very rewarding. I presently serve as a Director and through my experience over the past two years on the Board and working with NALP leadership and staff, I have learned so much about our membership, NALP as an industry-leading organization, NALP's growth potential and goals. I am confident my experience and passion for NALP would enable me to make a meaningful contribution to Nom Com to slate future leadership and to achieve NALP's goals for an exciting future.

LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

The University of Akron School of Law

Assistant Dean, Career Services, Strategic Initiatives, and External Affairs

Director, Career Planning and Placement

Assistant Director, Career Planning and Placement

Akron, Ohio

January 2017 - Present

June 2013 – January 2017

August 2011 – June 2013

Meet with and counsel students and alumni on resumes, cover letters, job searching, public interest careers, judicial clerkships, interview skills, and professionalism. Engage in employer outreach and networking to assist students and graduates with securing internships and jobs. Organize workshops and speak on various topics including practice areas, alternative careers, and professional development. Draft and compile handbooks, reference materials, and resources for students. Organize and manage On-Campus Interviews and resume collections, Government and Public Interest Information Fair, and Mentor Program. Develop and assist with administration and oversight of Professional Identity Formation student programming.

Serve as Pro Bono and Community Service Coordinator to ensure students timely and accurately complete graduation requirements. Oversee Externship Program administration including placing students, recruiting placement sites, monitoring student performance, and ensuring compliance with ABA policies. Collect and manage all employment data for graduates and compile reports for ABA and NALP. Collaborate with Alumni, Admissions, and Student Services colleagues. Oversee marketing materials, press releases, social media, and event planning for Akron Law Center programs and annual events. Assist with grant writing to support the department and students. Support Dean as member of senior administrative team and assist with alumni outreach and donor cultivation. Supervise a staff of three.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

National Association for Law Placement (NALP), Member, 2011-present

- Board of Directors, 2023 - 2025
- Midwest School Representative, Regional Leadership Council, 2021 - 2023
- Chair of Small and Solo Career Services Section, 2018 – 2021
- Member of Conference Planning Committee, 2020 - 2021
- Member of Nominating Committee, 2016-2017
- Presenter at NALP Annual Conference: April 2016, April 2018, April 2019, April 2022, April 2025

Ohio State Bar Association, Council of Delegates, 2023 - 2025

Akron Bar Association

- Chair, Law School Liaison Committee, July 2021 - Present
- Vice President of Membership/Board of Trustees, July 2016- June 2018; July 2018 – June 2020
- Member, Diversity Committee, August 2011 – August 2023

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Hawkins and Company, LLC

Associate Attorney

Practiced in the area of Estate Planning, including preparation of Wills and Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Living Wills.

Cleveland, Ohio

August 2007 – August 2011

LEGAL EDUCATION

Cleveland State University College of Law

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*

Cleveland, Ohio

May 2007