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Statement of Interest, Conference Planning Coordinator (West/Rocky Mountain)

As the current co-chairperson of the NALP JD Career Advisors Section and an active NALP member since 2008, I am enthusiastic to pursue the 2026 Annual Education Conference Planning Coordinator position. With a strong passion for fostering engaging and impactful experiences, and as someone who has benefited from over 10 NALP annual education conferences, I am eager to contribute my abilities to ensure the success of the 2026 AEC.

For anyone who appreciates StrengthsFinder as much as I do, I am an “Includer,” and what excites me most about this opportunity is the chance to collaborate with the other Conference Planning Coordinators and NALP leadership to create a thoughtful and inclusive experience. I appreciate the care and attention to detail that previous coordinators have brought to their planning, including the careful selection of sessions that respect the concerns and needs of all our members and the thoughtfulness of including specialty topics like neurodivergence and well-being. I intend to take the same exceptional care when managing these planning responsibilities.

Since my first NALP Conference in Toronto, I’ve benefited greatly from the NALP community and conferences. I always attach the “NALP Nerd” sticker to my conference badge. NALP, particularly the NALP AEC, provides the best way to connect with our beautiful community. This community and the connections I have made at NALP conferences have shaped my career over the past 20 years. I can think of no better way to spread this message of community, growth, and collaboration than by helping plan the 2026 AEC. I’ll use my “includer” mindset, energy, and expertise to plan the conference and welcome our members to Hollywood, Florida!

Experience

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California

Director, Career Services Office, January 2023 – Present

Associate Director, Career Services Office, April 2018 – January 2023

Senior Assistant Director, Career Services Office, October 2012 – April 2018

Assistant Director, Career Services Office, October 2007 – October 2012

Career Services Associate, October 2006 – October 2007

Student Services Assistant, Career Services Office, September 2004 – October 2006

NALP Participation

Selected Speaker, NALP Annual Education Conference, April 2025

Co-Chair, JD Career Advisors Section, July 2023 – Present

Vice-Chair, Environmental Scanning, Well-being Steering Committee, June 2023 – April 2024

Community Activities

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California

Historic Building Tour Guide, August 2023 – Present

Ohio State University, Virtual

Buckeye Pen Pals Mentor Program, January 2016 – Present

Los Angeles Area Legal Recruitment Association (LAALRA), Los Angeles, California

Co-Chair, Membership Care Committee, July 2022 – July 2024; July 2016 – July 2018

Board Member, Secretary, July 2014 – July 2016

Chairwoman, Diversity Committee, July 2012 – July 2014

Education

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts, History, June 2003