

Hello Fellow SOUTHEAST NALPERS! It is with great enthusiasm that I put myself forward as a candidate for the 2025-2026 Nominating Committee. I began my career services journey as Associate Director at the University of Texas School of Law CSO in 2008 and moved into the role of Assistant Dean in 2023. Over the past 16 years, I have gained extensive experience in student advising, career strategy, employer engagement, and data collection and reporting and have learned to adapt, be resourceful and creative, especially in challenging economic times.

I have been successful in large part because I have had the luxury of leaning on and learning from many of you, our NALP leaders and warriors in the trenches. I am privileged to have learned early on that the camaraderie and selflessness of our NALP family is astounding and unparalleled. Your collaborative spirit motivates me to strive for excellence and to inspire others in our profession.

Before my tenure in the CSO, I enjoyed a diverse career as a solo practitioner, general counsel, government enforcement attorney, and JD Advantage professional, covering various practice areas such as mental health, regulatory issues, and family and criminal law. These experiences have enhanced my understanding of the legal landscape and the importance of effective communication and problem-solving across diverse communities.

With humility and humor, I will utilize the knowledge gained from my collective experiences to help select the next slate of officers and directors who understand our challenges and possess the creativity, sensitivity, and energy necessary to lead us through these transformative times. It would be an honor to serve as your Nominating Committee Representative for the Southeast Region!

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- ❖ The University of Texas School of Law, Associate Director (2008-2023), Assistant Dean (2023-)
- ❖ Texas Department of Insurance, Fraud Counsel/Asst. Dir. (2001-2008); Enforcement Attorney (2000)
- ❖ The Center for Health Care Services, General Counsel (2000-2001)
- ❖ Austin Integral Care, Contracts & Credentialing Director (1997-2000)
- ❖ Solo Practitioner, Focus on family law and criminal defense (1995-1997)

SELECT LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

- ❖ ABA/NALP Employment Outcomes Reporting Advisory Group, *Member/Chair & Co-Chair* (2018-present)
- ❖ NALP Annual Education Conference Presenter, “They Don’t Get It!” Let’s Hear from the Law Students (April 2025) & Collecting, Maintaining, and Reporting Graduate Employment Data (April 2023)
- ❖ Recruiting Association of Dallas (RAD), 1L Legal Recruiting, Panelist (October 2024)
- ❖ Career Services Logistics Conference Part II, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, *Big Format Small Screen & You Can’t Spell COVID without OCI, Presenter* (September 2020)
- ❖ Travis County Child Protective Services Welfare Board, *Appointed Board Member* (2012-2018)
- ❖ Hispanic Bar Association of Austin/Charitable Foundation, *President/Trustee* (2007-2012)

EDUCATION:

- ❖ The University of Texas School of Law, JD
-*State Bar of Texas licensed since 1995*
- ❖ Texas A&M University, BA