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**NALP and NALP Foundation Release the International Directory of Lawyer Qualifications**

*Updated and expanded resource for legal employers and career services to  
navigate global legal education requirements.*

**Washington (DC)** — As law firms continue to expand across the globe and lawyers travel from their home countries for education and work, it has become increasingly important to be able to understand different legal systems, methods of educating lawyers, and rules for qualification and admission. Today, the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) and NALP Foundation released a new edition of the *International Directory of Lawyer Qualifications: A Guide to Legal Systems, Education and Rules for Admission Throughout the World* (“the Directory”). This publication, now in its third edition, brings the legal education and admission requirements for 59 countries together in a single resource.

The International Directory of Lawyer Qualifications is now available for purchase at [www.nalpfoundation.org/bookstore](http://www.nalpfoundation.org/bookstore). For the first time, the Directory is available in an electronic-only format, with pricing options for both law schools and law firms, and a discount for members/supporters of NALP and the NALP Foundation. Multi-user pricing is also available.

“The variety of rules, regulations, and laws involved in lawyer education and admission in countries around the world mean that it can be very difficult to get a complete picture of the legal qualification requirements through regular research methods,” said Tammy Patterson, President of the NALP Foundation. “By compiling this information into a single source (sometimes for the first time in English), the Directory is a one-of-a-kind resource.”

“Legal employers, legal career professionals, academics, law librarians, and other stakeholders interested in having a resource that illuminates the varying educational paths of lawyers around the world will find the Directory invaluable,” said James G. Leipold, Executive Director of NALP. “NALP is pleased to collaborate with NALP Foundation to provide this resource for the profession.”

The new edition of the Directory includes standard information from each of the countries profiled, including:

- Sample resumes
- Grading systems and comparisons
- Explanation of awards and honors offered in law schools
- Contact information for local bar associations
- Links to other online resources for future research

The NALP Foundation and NALP extend their thanks to the numerous contributors, including law school contacts and in-country lawyers qualified in the jurisdiction, LL.M students, and graduates who may or may not be currently practicing in the jurisdiction but are also qualified lawyers in the jurisdiction, and local bar association representatives.

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NALP ([www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org)) is an association of over 2,500 legal career professionals who advise law students, lawyers, law offices, and law schools in North America and beyond. What brings NALP members together is a common belief in three fundamental things. First, all law students and lawyers should benefit from a fair and ethical hiring process. Second, law students and lawyers are more successful when supported by professional development and legal career professionals. Third, a diverse and inclusive legal profession best serves clients and our communities. That's why NALP members work together every day to collect and publish accurate legal employment data and information, and champion education and standards for recruiting, professional and career development, and diversity and inclusion. For more than 40 years, NALP has played an essential role in the success of our members and the lawyers and law students they serve. NALP maintains an online archive of press releases at [www.nalp.org/pressreleases](http://www.nalp.org/pressreleases).

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