

## 2012 NALP PSJD Public Service Mini-Conference

### Location

Georgetown University Law Center (Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Public Interest Advising 101)

600 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
Washington DC, 20001

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Crowell & Moring, LLP (Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, NALP/PSJD Public Service Mini-Conference)

1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

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### Wednesday, October 24, 2012

4:00-5:30pm - **Public Interest Advising 101** – Georgetown University Law Center

We welcome all new(ish) public interest career professionals and administrators to join us for a session designed to promote networking with your peers and to offer the “nuts and bolts” of counseling students, as well as planning student/alumni programming and administering pro bono and other service programs.

#### Presenters:

- Lauren Dubin, Director of Public Interest Careers, Office of Public Interest and Community Service, Georgetown University Law Center
- Steve Grumm, Director of Public Service Initiatives, NALP
- Heather Jarvis, Student Loan Expert and NALP Educational Debt Consultant
- Ashley Matthews, PSJD Fellow, NALP
- Leeor Neta, Director for Public Interest Programs, Golden Gate University School of Law

6:00-8:00pm – Round-Robin Networking Dinner for All Mini-Conference and Public Interest Advising 101 Attendees: This pay-your-own way event will provide an informal opportunity to share a meal with colleagues old and new. And we’ll pick the restaurants and make the reservations for you! Stay tuned for additional details.

## Thursday, October 25, 2012

- 9:00 - 9:30 AM Welcome and Light Breakfast
- 9:30 - 11:15 AM Introductions, Public Service Section Meeting & Town Hall Discussion
- Section business
  - Review of Fall 2012 Public Service Legal Employment Market Snapshot Survey results
  - Open discussion/town-hall
- 11:15 - 11:30 AM Break
- 11:30 - 12:00 PM PSJD and NALP Staff Update
- 12:00 - 1:15 PM Lunch & 17th Annual PSLawNet Pro Bono Publico Award Presentation
- 1:15 - 1:30 PM Break
- 1:30 - 2:45 PM Breakout Programming

### **All in the Family: Public Interest Careers in Family Law**

Family law practice offers challenging and rewarding opportunities for public interest lawyers in every jurisdiction. Family law attorneys may handle child custody and support, divorce, and domestic violence cases, among others. Direct client contact is guaranteed, and there is often opportunity to significantly influence legislative policy. Our expert panel of family law practitioners will include those who work with low-income clients in the nonprofit and government arenas as well as those who work with moderate-income clients. Join us to learn firsthand tips about how your students may prepare for family law careers.

### **It Takes a (Public Interest) Village: Building an On-campus Community among Public Interest Law Students**

Let's face it: the law firm employment market will always dominate the conversation both on campus and off. Students on public interest career paths can often feel marginalized, particularly during the law-firm heavy fall recruiting process. One of the best solutions for law school career professionals is to facilitate community-building among your students. Through official student groups, social media connections, pro bono projects, and social events, there are myriad ways for your public interest students to build relationships and collaborate with their peers. Our program will explore unique and successful community-building initiatives, including discussion of: identifying needs; engaging student leaders; how

much staff time and resources may be involved; and other important topics.

**Sensational Pro Bono Innovations**

Law schools are increasingly eager to expand on experiential learning opportunities for students. Pro bono projects offer *all* students a means by which to build practice skills while making important contributions to underserved communities. Law school pro bono models throughout the U.S. are many and varied. We will look at recently created or enhanced projects which have yielded immediate results in teaching students not only practice skills but the importance of pro bono work as a professional responsibility.

2:45 – 3:00 PM

Break

3:00 - 4:30 PM

**"Student Career Discernment & Self-Awareness Strategies: Understanding and Effectively Utilizing Assessment Tools to Facilitate Career Fulfillment"**

Does it feel at times as though you need an assessment tool to assess the (over)abundance of career development assessment tools? Our interactive program will explore how to adopt and use assessment tools that will best serve your students' needs. We will review the strengths and weaknesses of different kinds of assessment tools. We will also demonstrate how those tools can be used to achieve maximum results, not only in immediate post-assessment review, but also in your continued counseling of your students. Please come with your own questions and ideas!

4:45 - 6:00 PM

**Recruiter Reception:** The Bustling DC Nonprofit Community. We'll close this year's Mini-Conference with an employer reception! Mix, mingle, and network with representatives from a broad array of nationally recognized nonprofit law offices and leading policy organizations.