

QUARTERLY REPORT, NALP LL.M. Section

To: NALP Executive Board

From: Aaron Goh, Chair, LL.M. Section

Re: Quarterly Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the second year that the LL.M. Section has been active as a Section. Our members have been quite enthusiastic, and have begun to use the ListServ as a reference and resource tool. It is still not used very extensively, but members are getting more comfortable asking questions of one another on the ListServ. As a section, we are trying to generate more awareness and participation from NALP members in law firms.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our Section had the first meeting for the 2007-2008 academic year at the annual conference in Keystone, Colorado. We have also had a conference call, several discussions on the ListServ, and have submitted RFP and Bulletin article proposals to NALP. Our members have been very willing to work on the various projects and proposals that have been initiated and discussed.

STATUS AND ACTIVITIES

Annual Conference Meeting

The first Section meeting for 2007-2008 was held at the Annual Education Conference in Keystone, Colorado. There were 13 members in attendance, with 4 participants from the law firms. Introductions were made by the outgoing Section Chair, Jessica Richman, and me. I encouraged attendees to introduce themselves and the populations they represented. Our NALP Liaison, Tony Waller, was also introduced. Several ideas and concerns were discussed at the meeting, including a discussion about the inclusion of JDs interested in international law/overseas employment.

Section Conference Call

On May 15, 2007, the Section conducted our first conference call for 2007-2008. This conference call re-introduced the Section to members who were unable to attend the in-person meeting in Keystone. We also announced the deadlines for RFP submissions and Bulletin article proposals. Several ideas were developed and discussed; members also

volunteered to contribute to the existing ideas, and their proposals were submitted to NALP in the RFP submissions and Bulletin article proposals.

Our Section Work Group was also introduced, with Mary Maher (Northwestern) leading the Group. This Work Group will review the current International Lawyers Qualification Directory and provide recommendations and updates to the NALP Foundation.

Meeting minutes were distributed via the ListServ following the conference call.

Section Discussions on ListServ

Although the ListServ has been used by members for discussions and question-exchanges, the online activity has been quite limited. This may be due to the fact that the beginning of summer is a relatively quiet time for the LL.M. Section. Most of the LL.M. hiring had already taken place earlier in the year, and LL.M. students are not present in law schools as most of them are here for only one year.

Some of the current discussions include unit requirements for graduation for LL.M. programs, and students with dual citizenships and its implications for employers.

Annual Education Conference RFPs

The LL.M. Section has submitted one proposal for the 2008 Annual Education Conference to be held in Toronto, Canada. Tentatively entitled “Domestic Opportunities for International LL.M.s – Expanding the Possibilities”, this program aims to help law schools find new and creative opportunities for obtaining internships and jobs for LL.Ms here in the U.S.

Another proposal “LL.M. Recruiting Pipeline and Integration” was supposed to be a firm-side guide for setting up a foreign attorney recruitment process. After much discussion with law school members and an open discussion during our conference call, as well as some re-consideration by the members proposing this topic, it was decided that they will not go ahead with this proposal.

NALP Bulletin Proposals

The Section has put forward 3 proposed publications for the Bulletin:

1. Period Column, “Joint Degree Programs in Law Schools” by Laura Hosid (Georgetown), Fall 2007.
2. Feature Article, “Why Hire an International LL.M.?” by Beth Johnson (O’Melveny & Myers) and Laura Metz Duncan (Stanford), October/November 2007.
3. Feature Article, “Connecting LL.M. Students with the Profession” by Ivana Kadic (U. of Toronto) and Stephanie Donaher (McMillan Binch Mendelsohn),

October/November 2007 or spring 2008. (This will be a joint LL.M./Canadian Section submission.)

CONCLUSION

My department at USC Law had undergone an organizational restructure in June 2007, and my position was eliminated. After discussing my situation with Gihan Fernando and Tony Waller, it was decided that I complete this quarterly report before handing over my responsibilities if I do not land another position in the NALP family/law school career services.