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NALP Law Student Professional Development Section  
Quarterly Report

During the very busy fall, just one of our work groups has been able to move its goals forward.

**The Standards Work Group:** The group has prepared a list of proposed standards for students and for career professions. They are close to completing an article for the NALP Bulletin. Tracy Evans, Meg Reuter & Terry Gray have been the collaborators.

In the Spring, however, this group will likely be more productive as we have:

1. A number of PD-related programs at the NALP conference – not all “sponsored” by this section, but relevant nonetheless. They cover topics including blogging, developing a collaborative approach to law student professional development; managing e-professionalism, business & economics of law practice, strategies to persuade students and lawyers to take ownership of their own professional development, project management techniques, Millennials, and more.
2. In the run-up to the conference, we will be collecting some “best practices” information for potential publication or aggregation on the NALP website on:
  - a. Programs that schools are presenting to develop professional skills and encourage professionalism;
  - b. Strategies for both schools and employers to use to get buy-in and participation to get law students and lawyers to take ownership of their own professional development;
  - c. Work *will* begin on the resource for students and alumni going to employers without PD professionals to help them create their own professional development plans;
  - d. Work *will* begin on the collaboration between the Employer and Law School PD sections.

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