

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ritu Bhasin, GLBT Section Board Liaison
Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director, NALP
FROM: Andrew Chapin, GLBT Section Chair
CC: Mike Gotham, President, NALP
DATE: February 2009
RE: **GLBT Section 3rd Quarterly Report**

SUMMARY: These pages contain GLBT Section activities and projects being worked on November 2008 through January 2009 only.

Work Groups:

ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE WORK GROUP

Andrew Chapin is collaborating with Dana Morris, Chair of the Diversity Section to invite a speaker for the Diversity Reception. At present preferences are:

1. Mary Frances Berry
2. Christina Sarch
3. Billy Martin

Andrew Chapin is coordinating a **GLBT Section dinner** (self-pay) during the conference – possibly following the Newcomers Reception where GLBT Ambassadors might welcome and introduce themselves to newcomers.

LAVENDER LAW COLLABORATION WORK GROUP

6 RFPs being developed & proposed for 2009, Brooklyn, NY Sept 10-12.

1. **1 on 1 Career Counseling:** Eric Stern, Berkeley Law coordinator.
2. **Private Sector Counseling:** Skip Horn Latham Watkins coordinator.
3. **Public Sector Counseling:** Tom Maligno, Touro Law coordinator.
4. **College Cost Reduction & Access Act:** Karen Comstock, Cornell Law coordinator.
5. **Advancing GLBT Equality in Law Schools & Employment:** Andrew Chapin, Fordham Law coordinator.
6. **Careers in GLBT:** Gihan Fernando, Georgetown Law coordinator.

NALP FORM GLBT DATA REPORTING WORK GROUP

A consortium of twelve groups (including NALP) co-signed a NALP letter that was mailed in December to all NALP member employers. [see attached PDF for text and groups]. Goal is increasing the number of employers supporting their openly gay attorneys to self-identify in NALP demographics. Outcomes will be compared with previous year once the 2009-2010 Directory of Legal Employer is published. Regardless of outcome, that all these varied groups worked cooperatively for the first time on a project is a good thing for NALP.

GLBT WEB RESOURCES UPDATE WORK GROUP

1. Review of current web pages and update is underway by Mitchell Weitz, Fordham Law. Completion expected by end of February.
2. Update of GLBT Ambassadors by Andrew Chapin Fordham Law has been submitted to NALP. Completion expected by end of February.

NALP BULLETIN WORK GROUP

1. *February 2009 edition: Amelioration, Pro Bono & You....* written by Andrew Chapin.
2. The above named article completes our 4 articles from our section this year. No more Bulletin articles from GLBT Section are planned this year.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING

1. From Jim Leipold: OPINION | January 16, 2009
Op-Contributor: **Gay but Equal?** By MARY FRANCES BERRY
Why President-elect Barack Obama should abolish the Commission on Civil Rights and replace it with a new commission that would address the rights of many groups, including gays.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/16/opinion/16mfberry.html?emc=eta1>
2. From Eric Stern: **Obama will end 'don't ask' policy**, aide says Matthew B. Stannard, Chronicle Staff Writer Wednesday, January 14, 2009
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/01/13/MNTG159HHG.DTL>
3. From Jim Leipold: **Gay Marriage Ban Inspires New Wave of Activists** "They're calling it Stonewall 2.0". See this article from today's NYT:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/12/10/us/10marriage.html?th&emc=th>
4. From Jim Leipold: **Gibson Dunn Represents Democratic Lawmakers in Prop. 8 Challenge.** Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher filed an amicus brief late Monday, on behalf of 43 state legislators supporting same-sex couples who are challenging California's new gay marriage ban (Proposition 8) as an overly broad revision of the state's constitution. The brief argues the revision should have gone through the legislative process instead. Read more here:
<http://www.law.com/jsp/article.jsp?id=1202425947137>

One attachment follow these pages.