

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 23, 2012

TO: Charlotte Wager, NALP President
Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director
Cris Modesto, NALP Board Liaison, LGBT Section

FROM: Erin M. Wright, LGBT Section Chair

RE: Quarterly LGBT Section Board Report, October

SECTION CONFERENCE CALLS

The section held a conference call on October 19th to discuss how Lavender Law went, military on campus post-Don't Ask, Don't Tell, and committee updates. One item of specific note that came out of the meeting was that I will ask Charlotte about the establishment of a Disability Section (perhaps something better-titled) in light of the fact that some resources were lumped in the with the LGBT Section's resources.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

October 2012: *Adjusting to Military on Campus Post Don't Ask Don't Tell*. The repeal of DADT does not resolve all of the discrimination faced by LGBT persons in the military, nor does it repeal the Solomon Amendment. Authors: Erin Wright, Associate Director of Career Development, Roger Williams University School of Law; Chris Teague, Associate Director of Career Services, Boston College Law School; Lorri Olan, Director, Career Planning and Professional Development, Washington & Lee University School of Law.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING

There is a call for submissions from the The ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity ("SOGI") and the National LGBT Bar Association ("LGBT Bar") for the upcoming publication of *OUT and ABOUT: The LGBT Experience in the Profession*. The deadline for submissions is December 2nd.

Prominent gay rights activist Amelia Craig Cramer has been named President of the State Bar of Arizona. According to the LGBT Bar, Cramer is the fifth openly gay leader of a state bar organization. She joins Melvin White and Bob Spagnoletti of the DC Bar; Mark Johnson, the former head of the Oregon State Bar; and Shane Vannatta of the State Bar of Montana.

The National LGBT Bar Association hosted call-ins discussing the voter suppression laws in Ohio and Pennsylvania. The National LGBT Bar Association also hosted a national call-in entitled "Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Inclusion in the Armed Forces, Year One: A Day in the Life of a JAG."

NALP has added a CSO Best Practices Guide to the existing Diversity Best Practices resource originally published in 2009. It is available under the "Resources" tab on the NALP Connect Diversity Section page.

The University of Iowa Digital Studio for Public Humanities (DSPH), in collaboration with the University of Southern California, and the NAMES Project, launched AIDS Quilt Touch, a mobile web application.

“AIDS Quilt Touch enables users to search for a specific name, contribute comments, and locate a panel of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.”

VICE CHAIR REPORTS

WEB RESOURCES: The web resources group has initiated a vast overhaul of the LGBT Section of the website which will include the addition of law reviews/journals which are dedicated to LGBT/Sexuality/Gender issues.

LAVENDER LAW: More employers and students enrolled than ever before, though quite a few students ended up not attending. There is some concern about lack of funding due to the lift of amelioration requirements. The LGBT section, thanks to Lori Lorenzo, hosted two informational web chats prior to the event, attended by roughly ten students and five administrators. Sixteen career counselors saw 85 students at the counseling program during the career fair. Finally, section members organized and participated in the *Career Services and Job Search Strategies for Law Students* panel on day one of Lavender Law. Lori Lorenzo’s article summarizing Lavender Law will appear in the November issue of the NALP Bulletin.

DATA REPORTING: In addition to submitting the request for signatories to each member of the LGBT section, we have now distributed a letter to each NALP employer via NALPconnect and will be submitting a short request in the Nov. 2 publication of NALPnow! The deadline for employers to become signatories on the law school letter is December 9th. The deadline for law school organizations to become signatories to the employer letter is November 27th.

NALPCONNECT WORKGROUP: No news to report.

ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE/BULLETIN ARTICLE PLANNING: The following RFPs were accepted into the conference: “Safe Space Training”: The presentation has been slated as a half day (3-hour) training on Saturday, April 27. Presenters: Lori Lorenzo, Deputy Director, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity and TBD. “That’s So Gay & Other Things You Shouldn’t Say”: Thursday, April 26 at 3:45pm and has been allotted 75 minutes. Presenters: Lori Lorenzo, Deputy Director, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity; Jeff Becherer, Associate Director/LL.M. Advisor, Cardozo Law; CJ Ortuno, Executive Director, SAVE Dade

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The following additional articles were selected for publication in the NALP Bulletin:

1. November 2012, Post Lavender Law Career Fair Summary - Lori Lorenzo, LGBT Bar Liaison, Deputy Director, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity.
2. January 2013, How to Help LGBT Students Reconcile Ally Support - Erin Wright, Associate Director of Career Development, Roger Williams University School of Law and Chris Teague, Associate Director of Career Services, Boston College Law.
3. February 2013, Best Tips/Programs for Reaching out to LGBT Students - Lorri Olan, Director, Career Planning and Professional Development, Washington & Lee University School of Law and Jaclyn Vargo, Associate Director of Career Services, Brooklyn Law School.
4. March 2013, Firm and School Mechanisms to help LGBT Students Facing Hostile Workplaces: David Weinberg, Assistant Dean, Career Services, Seton Hall University School of Law and someone firm-side, TBD.