

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2013

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, April

SECTION CONFERENCE CALLS

The section held a conference call on March 28, 2013 to discuss the following: 1) Mark Goldfarb will be the new Section Chair! 2) Lavender Law Workshop submissions are due April 2nd, The 25th Anniversary Lavender Law Conference will be held August 22-24, 2013 in San Francisco, California. 3) NALP Annual Conference: 2014 Annual Conference RFPs are due in April right after 2013 Annual Conference, helps to keep this in mind as you are at the conference; LGBT Section meeting is Wednesday, 4/24 at 3:45 PM, Room 16; The LGBT Section will host a table at the Open House and Welcome Reception Tuesday, April 23 from 6:00 – 7:30pm; Meet up – details to follow but generally Friday evening. 4) Update on website changes and cities with LGBT mentor programs.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

February 2013: **Best Tips/Programs for Reaching out to LGBT Students**, Lorri Olan, Director, Career Planning and Professional Development, Washington & Lee University; Jaclyn Vargo, Associate Director of Career Services, Brooklyn Law School

March 2013: **Counseling and Recruiting LGBT Students at the "201" Level**, David T. Weinberg, Assistant Dean, Career Services, at Seton Hall University School of Law

ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING

On March 26th, the SCOTUS heard oral arguments on Proposition 8 and on March 27th, heard oral arguments on *Windsor v. United States*, which challenges the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

The National LGBT Bar Association held a call regarding Relationship Recognition & the Supreme Court on March 19 to discuss the pending relationship recognition cases.

The National LGBT Bar Association conducted a call-in discussing the recent reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and its impact on the LGBT community on March 13, 2013.

The National LGBT Bar Association announced the Prudential Fellowship Program, with an application deadline of March 11, 2013 at 5:00pm ET.

On February 15th, CNN reported that Veterans Affairs allowed a burial for same-sex couple in Oregon.

SALT announced the release of the joint project of the Sexuality and Gender Law Clinic at Columbia University School of Law: Strategies for LGBT Students, Faculty, and Staff Facing Discrimination at Religiously Affiliated Law Schools: <http://www.saltlaw.org/>. Please direct questions to: Professor Jackie Gardina SALT President, Visiting Professor of Law at Santa Clara University School of Law jgardina@vermontlaw.edu or to the SALT Office and SALT Social Justice Fellow; Blake Johnson ALT Social Justice Fellow, Boyd School of Law, UNLV 702 895 2476 Objohnson@saltlaw.org.

The National LGBT Bar Association held its first Spanish language call-in, with panelists from Spain, Mexico and New York discussing being out in their communities and how it has affected their lives and their law practices on February 5, 2013.

VICE CHAIR REPORTS

WEB RESOURCES: The web resources group has submitted its suggestions for changes to the LGBT Section of the website to NALP. Changes will be made in concert with NALP's own overhaul of the website. Vice Chairs are currently gathering volunteers to assemble a list of existing LGBT attorney/student mentor programs across the US.

LAVENDER LAW: Registration is now open for the 25th Annual Lavender Law Career Fair and Conference. Workshop submissions were due April 2nd.

DATA REPORTING: No new news to report.

NALP CONNECT WORKGROUP: No news to report.

ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE/BULLETIN ARTICLE PLANNING: The LGBT Section will host a table at the Open House and Welcome Reception at this year's NALP Conference in Tampa on Tuesday, April 23 from 6:00 – 7:30pm. LGBT Section meeting is Wednesday, 4/24 at 3:45 PM, Room 16.