

To: NALP Board of Directors  
Traci Jenkins, Board Liaison, Law School Alumni Career Services Interest Group

From: Jeanine Dames, Co-Chair  
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CC: Marcy Cox, NALP President  
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Re: Law School Alumni Career Services Interest Group Quarterly Report

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The Law School Alumni Career Services Interest Group has continued its momentum for the second quarter following up on its initial strong start with more than 80 inaugural members joining the list serv. Jeanine Dames, the Interest Group Co-Chair, announced that she is transitioning from her role at Yale Law School to Yale Undergraduate Career Services as the Deputy Director. The Interest Group wishes her well in her new endeavors. The following three working groups continued to make progress on its proposed RFPs, Quick Tips and Bulletin Articles for the 2011-2012 year.

**Technology Working Group**

*Vice-Chair, Beth Lambert, University of Pennsylvania Law School*

**Alumni Quick Tips Working Group**

*Vice-Chair, Julie Anna Alvarez, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law*

**2012 Conference Program Working Group**

*Vice-Chair, Amanda DiPolvere, Pennsylvania State University, The Dickinson School of Law*

**GROUP REPORT**

During our second conference call, we updated the Interest Group on the status of accepted RFPs, quick tips and accepted bulletin articles.

Led by Amanda DiPolvere, the 2012 Conference Program Working Group had two of four RFPs accepted for presentation at the 2012 Conference:

1. *Two Heads Are Better Than One: Partnering With Your Alumni Office To Expand Student Job Opportunities* - Amanda DiPolvere, Robin Fulton, Suzanne Levy-Huntley, Nicole Moncayo
2. *On-Ramping: How to Effectively Counsel and Recruit Experienced Laterals as they Return to Practice* - Judith Anne Levenfeld, and Diane Downs

The Alumni Quick Tips Working Group, led by Julie Anna Alvarez, held a follow up call and refined the list of topics for Alumni Quick Tips in an effort to create additional resources on alumni counseling to be made available to the larger NALP community.

1. Transitioning to in-house practice
2. Mental health resources for alumni
3. Tips for alumni on effectively using social networking in a job search
4. Law teaching
5. For Career Counselors: Alumni Counseling Basics – how to build credibility & effectively counsel
6. Informational Interviewing

In addition, evolving from these proposed topics from the Quick Tips Working Group, the three Bulletin article proposals which were submitted were accepted for publication:

1. *Tips for Alumni on Effectively Using Social Networking in their Job Search* - Ginna Galbraith, South Texas College of Law and Stephanie Deckter, George Washington School of Law
2. *Alumni Counseling Basics for Career Counselors* - Julie Anna Alvarez
3. *Helping Alumni Navigate the Law Teaching Market* - Marta Ricardo and Jeanine Dames

We also intend to use several of our conference calls as an opportunity to share ideas on ‘hot topics’ in the area of alumni career services. For example, during our next call on July 14 we will host Marcia Pennington Shannon of Shannon & Manch, LLP who will join us for a discussion about working with the Classes of 08, 09 and 10 and the possible long-term effects of the economic downturn.