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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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