NALP International and Advanced Degree Recruiting and Advising Section

April 2011 Quarterly Report

The section had a very quiet quarter, having focused much of our energies on the previous quarter. Our speakers are prepared for the 2011 NALP Conference, and we have begun brainstorming for the 2012 RFPs.

Summary of Section Activities:

Webinar:

- The Section is considering additional webinar topics for the future, including a visa update for employers and advisors of international students.

Bulletin articles:

- Topics have been discussed for upcoming articles, but no formal proposals are under way at this time.

Workgroups:

- The blog/twitter workgroup continues to “tweet” regularly.
- Employer Workgroup will continue to work on outreach to employers, including the possibility of a conference proposal for 2012.
- The informal Bar Exam workgroup is carefully monitoring announcements from the New York Board of Bar Examiners.

“Hot Topics” for the Section:

Section members are tracking the following issues carefully, and may prepare a bulletin article or webinar on the topics, depending on the final announcements from the NY Bar and the ABA.

- Response to potential changes to the New York Bar Exam rules regarding foreign-trained LLM graduates taking the bar.
- Proposed changes from the ABA Council on LLM Standards also have potentially large ramifications for section members.

Conference Presentations:

For NALP 2011

- Cultural Intelligence in Our Global Profession (Marni Caputo/Harvard & Lauren Rasmus/Dewey)
- Counseling for International Public Interest Opportunities (co-sponsor with the Public Interest Section, Sara Rakita/NYU & Akua Akyea/Columbia)
• **Section Meeting** (Thursday 11:00)

*Under Discussion for 2012*

• Intercultural aspects of team building, especially as law firms build teams across borders and across cultural groups.

• Understanding Bar Exam Options for International LLM students (especially changes to New York Bar rules) (Charlie Cramton)

• Benefits of hiring international LLM students in a down market (Stephanie Decker)

• Counseling students “left behind” by an economic recovery (jointly with the Experienced Professionals section) (Clara Solomon/Charlie Cramton)