NALP International and Advanced Degree Recruiting and Advising Section

February 2011 Quarterly Report

The section accomplished a lot this quarter, with a webinar, two bulletin articles, and the launch of our Twitter feed. The quarterly conference call was attended by approximately 20 people, including a few first-time participants. The primary focus for this quarter has been the January international LLM job fairs in New York.

Summary of Section Activities:

Webinar:

- The very successful webinar Global Counselor: Advising International JD and LLM Students was presented on December 17, and is now available on NALP’s website for viewing. More than 40 participants logged in.

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

Bulletin articles:

- Advising International JD Students (Sara Marshall/BU & Elise Kraemer/UPenn). The article address common career counseling concerns when working with international JD students, including visa issues and common cultural concerns. Published November 2010.

- Counseling Students Left Behind (Charlie Cramton/Cornell & Clara Solomon/NYU). Submitted for November issue, connected with the Experienced Professionals Section. The article provides quick tips and encouragement for career counselors working with students (especially international students) who have been “left behind” by the nascent economic recovery. Published October 2010.

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

Workgroups:

- The blog/twitter workgroup has formally opened our Twitter feed at nalpllmintl and will begin Tweeting this month. We are discussing how best to promote our Twitter feed, and to encourage additional followers. (Please see attached for Twitter guidelines)

- The informal NY Bar Workgroup continues to provide regular updates to section members about international student applications to the New York Bar.

“Hot Topics” for the Section:

- Support for schools that do not participate in the January Job Fairs hosted by NYU and Columbia.
• Increasing demand for career services from **domestic-trained non-tax LL.M. students** who are enrolling due to layoffs and economic conditions.

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)

*Under Discussion for 2012*

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