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EXPERIENCE

Vedder Price, P.C., Chicago, IL 2014-Present

Director of Professional Development, January 2025

Senior Manager of Professional Development, January 2024

Professional Development Manager, January 2019

Alumni and Community Engagement Manager, January 2018

Professional Development Specialist, January 2016

Professional Development Assistant, October 2014

Various Positions in Non-Profit Fund Development 2007-2014

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN 2012

Masters of Non-profit Administration

University of Illinois, Champaign, IL 2007

Bachelors of Science in Communications

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in serving on the 2026 Conference Planning Committee for the NALP. In 2025 I will be the Director of Professional Development at Vedder Price. In this role, I have had the privilege of dedicating my career to the growth and development of our lawyers. I would like to continue to contribute to the growth and development of law professionals through additional contributions via NALP, specifically as part of the Planning Committee. I was able to join NALP a few years into my legal professionals career. It was easy to see the value add from the organization and the community NALP facilities.

If I have the opportunity to serve as a Planning Committee member, I hope to expand my role in your organization by collaborating with new members, serving as a resource to my colleagues, and finding ways to contribute to efficiency and effectiveness of the organization. This is a mindset I have taken with my involvement with the Professional Development Consortium, specifically the Chicago chapter of the organization. Through the PDC I have served on their Summer Conference Planning Committee and the Social Media Committee.

As a member of the NALP Planning Committee, I hope to continue to find ways to improve member engagement and to contribute to NALP's values. If selected, I would approach the role with integrity, enthusiasm, and a commitment to serving the best interests of our members and the profession at large. I am passionate about the work we do, and I would be honored to contribute to shaping its future through this important position.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the possibility of serving on the Planning Committee and supporting the vital mission of the National Association of Legal Professionals.