

The National Association for Law Placement (NALP)
Biographical Sketch for **Morolake O. Laosebikan-Buggs, Ph.D.**

Name: Morolake O. Laosebikan-Buggs

Employment: Inaugural Director of Inclusive Excellence for Graduate and Professional Education
Elon University School of Law (2021 – Present)

Educational Background: University of New Orleans
Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph.D.), Educational Administration

Florida State University
Masters of Science Degree, Higher Education Administration
Concentration: Diverse Populations/Issues in Education/Multiculturalism

Professional Memberships and Activities:

American Bar Association (ABA)
The National Association for Law Placement (NALP)
The Association of Law School Diversity Professionals (ALDIP)
Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA)
Donald D. Gehring Judicial Affairs Training Institute (2002)
National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)
NASPA/SACSA Mid-Mangers' Institute (2003)
Program Reviewer (2005-2021, 2022-2024)

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

In my current role, I collaborate with deans, students, faculty, and staff to develop strategies and implement actions rooted in the values of diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and anti-racism across our institution. When I began my position in 2021, I was introduced to NALP through a wealth of reports and resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion available on the website. I was so impressed by the depth of information that it quickly became my go-to resource as I navigated the new environment of law school. A particularly influential series of articles, *Making Noise: Doing Our Part to Dismantle Racism and White Supremacy in the Legal Profession*, authored by Alison Ashe-Card, Molly Stafford, and Nicole Netkin-Collins, became required reading in my course, *Depictions of Discrimination in Law and Literature*.

Inspired by NALP's commitment to these values, I formally joined the organization in 2022, and was fortunate to be paired with Aisha Joseph as a “newcomer” to NALP. Aisha introduced me to the DEI section, where I met other professionals working in this critical area, fostering collaborations that led to presenting a session at last year's NALP Conference in Boston.

The support and mentorship made me feel truly welcomed into the NALP community, and I am eager to pay it forward by serving as a NALP Regional Representative. I hope to provide the same sense of belonging and guidance to others as they begin or continue their own NALP journey.