

LAW SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY

Dear Deans Revesz, Kleinrock, and Dorzback,

We are recent graduates of NYU Law working on legal education reform with Law School Transparency. One of our key projects has been to increase the quality of available consumer information to help prospective law students make informed decisions about attending law school.

On December 14th, 2011, Law School Transparency contacted NYU (and every other ABA-accredited law school) to request a copy of its NALP report for the class of 2010. The employment data contained in the NALP report are highly valuable to prospective students and not available elsewhere. Because NALP already collected the data and distributed the report to NYU in June 2011, there is no cost associated with our request. We ask only that NYU not withhold this information from prospective students.

To date, 37 law schools have provided NALP reports to Law School Transparency, with an additional 4 posting their reports online. However, the vast majority of law schools continue to withhold important information from prospective students, including NYU. Refusing to share these data harms not only the reputation of these schools, but of the legal education system at large.

In response to a recent post on Professor Paul Campos's blog calling in to question the accuracy of NYU's placement among large law firms, NYU extended him an offer to audit its numbers. This shows NYU already believes in the need to be an open book when addressing criticism that may harm NYU's reputation. We hope that you will honor that spirit of openness by either publishing the NALP report on NYU's website or providing it to Law School Transparency.

Law schools are tasked with training the legal professionals of the future. They hold students to honor codes, require them to attend a class on professional responsibility and ethics, and send them into a profession where they must uphold the values of that profession on a daily basis. However, when it comes to their own conduct, too many schools take a position that the minimal level of integrity required to maintain ABA accreditation is good enough. We hope that for a school in such an important position of academic and social leadership as NYU that the bare minimum is not good enough, and that you will choose to release the class of 2010 NALP report for the benefit of future students.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. We would appreciate a response letting us know what your decision will be regarding our request. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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