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Equal Justice Works Honored with NALP Award of Distinction for Public Service

Equal Justice Works was honored with a 2009 Award of Distinction for Public Service by **NALP — the Association for Legal Career Professionals** — during the 2009 annual meeting of that association on April 3, 2009, in Washington, DC. The NALP Award of Distinction for Public Service is given to an individual or organization that provides legal services, promotes ethics, or lends financial support to activities dedicated to the promotion of the public good. The award was accepted on behalf of Equal Justice Works by its Chief Executive Officer, David Stern.

Founded in 1971 as the National Association for Law Placement, Inc, NALP is a nonprofit association dedicated to facilitating legal career counseling and planning, recruitment and retention, and the professional development of law students and lawyers. Today the membership of NALP spans three continents and includes virtually every ABA-accredited law school and more than 800 of the largest law firms and legal employers. Within those organizations, NALP's member representatives head law school career development offices and law firm recruiting and professional development departments.

Equal Justice Works was founded in 1986 as the National Association for Public Interest Law and has long been one of the primary associations involved in creating public interest opportunities for law students and lawyers. Equal Justice Works is known for connecting public interest-minded students with public interest employers and for educating law students and lawyers about issues of concern in the public interest community. In addition, with its mission of creating a just society by mobilizing the next generation of lawyers committed to equal justice, Equal Justice Works helps law schools establish and strengthen public interest programs; provides public service work

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experience, professional development, and training for students and lawyers; and builds strong support in the legal profession for public service through pro bono work and financial support.

Equal Justice Works' Annual Career Fair and Conference draws employers, law students, and career counselors from across the nation. The NALP Award of Distinction also honors the achievements of Equal Justice Works in advocating for Loan Repayment Assistance Programs (LRAPs) and, most recently, for their work to advocate and increase awareness for the College Cost Reduction and Access Act.

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