



*State of New York  
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**NOTICE TO THE BAR**

**Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (Part 520)**

The Court has amended its Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (Part 520, Rule 520.17). Under the newly amended rule, a Pro Bono Scholar may complete a portion of the program during the fall semester immediately preceding the participant's final semester of law study. However, credit for the work may not be awarded until the entire program is completed.

The rule amendment is effective October 4, 2023. A copy of the Court's order amending the rule is attached.

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*At a session of the Court, held at Court of Appeals  
Hall in the City of Albany, on the 15th  
day of September, 2023.*

**Present,** HON. ROWAN D. WILSON, *Chief Judge, presiding*

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In the Matter

of

The Amendment of the Rules of the Court of Appeals  
for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR Part 520).

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Pursuant to section 53 of the Judiciary Law, it is hereby

ORDERED that Part 520 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR Part 520) is amended, effective October 4, 2023, or as soon thereafter as section 52 of the Judiciary Law is complied with, by adding the underlined material to section 520.17(d), to read as follows:

§ 520.17 Pro Bono Scholars Program

(d) Law school credit. A student who completes the Pro Bono Scholars Program must receive at least 12 academic credits for participation in the program. Up to 42.5 hours of the program may be completed during the fall semester immediately preceding the program participant's final semester of law school study. Credit for such work may not be awarded until the entire program is completed.