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Spring 2020 Boyd Service Award and Pro Bono Society Variances

In light of the significant disruption to the academic schedule during the Spring 2020 semester due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pro Bono Society Executive Board and College of Law administration have adopted the following temporary modifications to the reporting of service hours and determination of service honors as set forth in the Pro Bono Society Constitution and Student Handbook:

Boyd Service Award

- 1) For May 2020 graduates, the levels of distinction for the Boyd Service Award are adjusted to 90% of the guideline career hours set forth in Part XV(A)(c) of the Student Handbook, as follows:
 - a. Highest Honors: 180 hours total (at least 90 community service)
 - b. High Honors: 135 hours total (at least 67.5 community service)
 - c. Honors: 90 hours total (at least 45 community service)
- 2) April 11, 2020, is set as the deadline for May 2020 graduates must record service hours in Symplicity to be considered part of their career total hours pursuant to Art. II(B)(6)(a) of the Pro Bono Society Constitution.

Pro Bono Society

- 1) The minimum service hours requirement for membership in the Pro Bono Society is adjusted to 50% of the semester hours set forth in Art. II(C)(2) of the Pro Bono Society Constitution. For the Spring 2020 semester, a student must complete and record a minimum of 7.5 hours of service work (at least 3.75 community service) to satisfy the service hours requirement for Pro Bono Society membership. The deadline for reporting service hours remains the last day of final exams.
- 2) The requirement that a student attend at least one Lawyers and Leaders event is waived for the Spring 2020 semester.

These variances are approved in consultation with Kevin Washburn, Dean of the College of Law, and Vidhaath Sripathi, Chair of the Pro Bono Society Executive Board, on March 23, 2020.

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