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Spring 2021 Boyd Service Award and Pro Bono Society Variances

In light of the ongoing 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

For currently enrolled students graduating in 2021, 2022, and 2023, 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)

These adjustments represent a further 5% reduction from those already announced in Fall 2020.

Pro Bono Society

The minimum service hours requirement for membership in the Pro Bono Society is adjusted to 2/3 of the semester hours set forth in Art. II(C)(2) of the Pro Bono Society Constitution. For the Spring 2021 semester, a student must complete and record a minimum of 10 hours of service work (at least 5 community service) to satisfy the service hours requirement for Pro Bono Society membership. Students must also attend at least one *Lawyers & Leaders* event. The deadline for reporting service hours remains the last day of final exams.

These variances are approved in consultation with Kevin Washburn, Dean of the College of Law, and Emily Lavery, Chair of the Pro Bono Society Executive Board, on February 3, 2021.

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