

New York Bar Pro Bono Requirement



Current students planning to take the New York bar exam must complete 50 hours of pro bono service prior to being admitted. The specific internships, courses, and programs that qualify for pro bono through Suffolk University Law School and for the New York requirement are **different**. To find out exactly what pro bono work qualifies for the New York requirement, visit <http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/FAQsBarAdmission.pdf>.

Suffolk's pro bono forms **do not** count towards the New York bar pro bono requirement. To meet the New York requirement, a supervisor must sign New York's affidavit, found here: http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/AppForAdmission_Pro-BonoReq_Fillable.pdf.

In order to ensure that pro bono work is properly recorded, a supervisor should sign the affidavit immediately after the student completes the 50 pro bono hours. Don't wait for two years and risk your supervisor leaving the organization or changing contact information.

This information is subject to change. Review New York's webpage very carefully for details. <http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/FAQsBarAdmission.pdf>

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