The Advisory Committee has considered various recommendations and comments that have been received from law school administrators and faculty requesting further clarification or changes to the guidelines governing New York's law student pro bono rule for New York bar admission on topics such as what constitutes qualifying pro bono work, to what extent supervision must be provided and when can LL.M. candidates perform their pro bono work. In response to these inquiries, the Advisory Committee has revised some of the guidelines set forth in the Frequently Asked Questions to address some of these issues. Attached is the revised document that is available on the various websites noted in the FAQ document.

In particular, the issue of when a foreign-educated LL.M. candidate may perform qualifying pro bono work has been changed to allow pro bono work that is performed within one year of the commencement of the LL.M. course of study. Hopefully, this will ease the burden for LL.M. candidates who are admitted to practice in jurisdictions outside the United States.

The Advisory Committee further expanded the examples of qualifying work, has added additional FAQs to address other inquiries received from law schools and has improved the explanation regarding completion of the Affidavit of Compliance that must be submitted with an applicant's admission packet.
Please supply the revised FAQs to your pro bono coordinator and to any faculty and staff members who are working with students on pro bono projects in anticipation of eventual New York bar admission. The revised FAQs are also available at: www.nycourts.gov/ATTORNEYS/probono/baradmissionreqs.shtml.

Thank you for your continued input and best wishes for a successful academic year.