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NOTICE TO THE BAR

Skills Competency Requirement for Admission (Rule 520.18)

The Court has amended its Rule for the Skills Competency Requirement for Admission (Rule 520.18) to correct a citation error and to clarify the timing requirements for LL.M. students seeking to satisfy this admission requirement with an apprenticeship.

The rule amendments are effective January 24, 2018. A copy of the Court's order amending the rules 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 9th day of January, 2018.

Present, HON. JANET DiFIORE, Chief Judge presiding.

In the Matter

of

The Amendment of the Rules of the Court of Appeals for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law.

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

ORDERED that Rule 520.18 of the Rules of the Court of Appeals for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR Rule 520.18) is amended, effective January 24, 2018, or as soon thereafter as section 52 of the Judiciary Law is complied with, by deleting the bracketed material and adding the underlined material to sections 520.18(a)(3) and, 520.18(a)(4)(i).

§ 520.18 Skill Competency Requirement for Admission

(3) *Pro Bono Scholars Program.* An applicant who has successfully completed the Pro Bono Scholars Program as prescribed in section [520.16] 520.17 of this Part shall be deemed to have met the skills competency requirement.

(4)(i) Timing. The apprenticeship shall be continuous for the six-month period, and shall commence after the conclusion of the applicant's law studies, except that an applicant who is required to complete an LL.M. program at an approved law school pursuant to

section 520.6(b) of this Part may complete the apprenticeship before commencing the LL.M. program. The apprenticeship must be completed in its totality [within] before the three-year application filing deadline provided in section 520.12(d) of this Part has elapsed.