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## INTRODUCING NEW YORK CITY LAW REVIEW'S PUBLIC-INTEREST PRACTICE SECTION

The New York City Law Review exclusively publishes articles focused on the public interest, reflecting CUNY School of Law's mission, while serving the New York City community. To further this public-interest agenda, the Law Review announces the inauguration of our Public-Interest Practice Section. The Public-Interest Practice Section features articles from the general legal community that incorporate "lessons from the field" of public-interest practice. The subject matter of these articles ranges from practice tips to reviews of experience in the field. Here, we highlight the work of attorneys, legal workers, and law students who are expanding legal services for under-represented communities and breaking new ground in the practice of public-interest law. In our first Public-Interest Practice Section, we are proud to present the following pieces:

*The Gay Bar: The Effect of the One-Year Filing Deadline on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and HIV-Positive Foreign Nationals Seeking Asylum or Withholding of Removal*

by Victoria Neilson, CUNY School of Law graduate and Legal Director of Immigration Equality, and Aaron Morris, 2005 graduate of American University Washington College of Law. In this piece, the authors describe how the one-year filing deadline for asylum applications bars a vast number of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and HIV-positive asylum applicants from obtaining relief. The authors also present possible arguments for practitioners representing such applicants seeking an exception to the one-year deadline.

*An Advocate's Toolkit: Using Criminal "Theft of Service" Laws to Enforce Workers' Right to be Paid*

by Rita Verga, 2005 graduate of CUNY School of Law. The toolkit outlines workers' rights advocates' recent use of criminal "theft of service" laws to fill the gap in wage-and-hour enforcement for low-wage workers, providing guidance for communities intending to follow the model.

We are pleased to initiate the Public-Interest Practice Section with these pieces and look forward to continuing to provide practitioners with a forum for innovative discussion of practical issues from the field in future editions of the Law Review.

