

# NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

# 2023

The City Bar's **2023 New York State Legislative Agenda** is rooted in our mission to equip and mobilize a diverse legal profession to practice with excellence, promote reform of the law, and uphold the rule of law and access to justice in support of a fair society and the public interest. The agenda focuses on positions relevant to the current legislative debate or of particular importance to the City Bar, as well as legislative proposals drafted by our committees. **The 2023 New York State Legislative Agenda can be viewed in full [here](#).**

## \* OUTCOMES \*

### THE JUDICIARY, THE PROFESSION & THE FAIR, EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

- ✓ Support adequate funding for civil legal services in the Judiciary budget
- ✓ Increase the rates paid to 18-b attorneys
  - Simplify New York State's Courts through restructuring
  - Reform and modernize the administration of class actions in New York's courts
  - Permit nonresident attorneys to practice in New York without maintaining a physical office in state \*

### GOOD GOVERNMENT

- Raise and reset expectations about State ethics enforcement in New York
- Election Law enforcement reform

*Vetoed by the Governor*

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- Enact the Second Chance Amendment
- ✓ Enact the Clean Slate Act
- Enact the Rap Music on Trial Bill \* *Passed the Senate*
- Clarify registration requirements for individuals convicted of level one sex offenses from out of state

### HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

- Expand the Right to Counsel for tenants facing eviction statewide
- Provide internet access to individuals living in temporary housing throughout New York State \*
- Increase public assistance benefits

*Passed the Senate*

### CIVIL RIGHTS & EQUAL PROTECTION

- Applauding second passage of the New York Equality Amendment
- Reform "Qualified Immunity" to ensure accountability for civil rights violations
- Protect children during custodial police interrogation
- Enact the Anti-Harassment in Reporting Bill

### BUSINESS & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

- Require a personal financial literacy course in State high schools
- Regulate the use of noncompete agreements for lower-salary employees
- ✓ Support long-established practices of business-to-business arbitration proceedings
- Recommended modifications to the Twenty-First Century Anti-Trust Act

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