NEW YORK CITY BAR **POLICY DEPARTMENT**

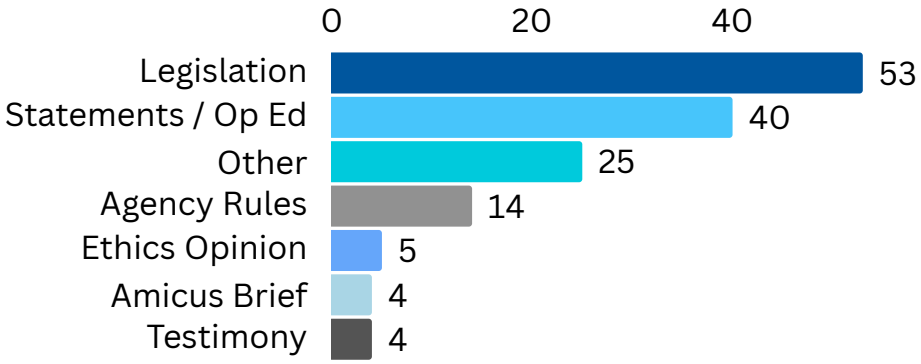
COMMITTEE YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

SEPT. 1 - AUG. 31
2024-25

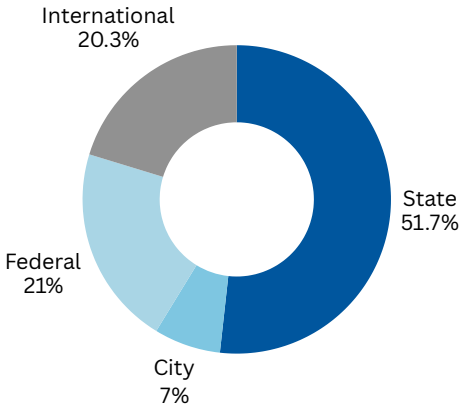
This year, our committees led the charge on critical issues at the city, state, federal, and international levels. From advancing equal rights in New York to defending the rule of law globally, our work amplified the voice of the legal profession and delivered real impact.

Reports Issued / Reissued	Media Mentions	Committees Involved	NYS Bills Passed
145	131	81	9

Types of Reports Issued



Reports by Locality



Policy Highlights

Equal Rights Amendment: Produced a multilingual fact sheet cited in 30+ news outlets to educate voters on New York's Proposal 1. Voters approved the amendment in Nov. 2024.

Rikers Island Oversight: Filed an amicus brief urging independent oversight. A federal judge ultimately ruled in favor of an independent receiver.

Judicial Election Education: Released comprehensive guides to help New Yorkers understand judicial elections in New York City.

Rule of Law Defense: Issued more than a dozen reports & statements responding to federal actions threatening core democratic values, supported by a dedicated online resource hub. Played a leading role in mobilizing the legal community—both within & beyond the City Bar—to defend the independence of the profession in response to the Trump Administration's Executive Orders targeting law firms.

Global Advocacy: Condemned threats against lawyers & judges, & to civil society & human rights .

Legislative Spotlight

*The Presidential Task Force on AI & Digital Tech is on the cusp of getting the **Emerging Technologies Amendments to the UCC** adopted in New York*

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Issue Spotlight: Immigration

Four of our top 10 reports viewed this year were immigration-related: **The Trump Administration's 2025 Changes to Immigration Law**; **Statement on Wearing of Masks by ICE Agents**; **The Executive Order on Birthright Citizenship is Unconstitutional**; and **Mayor Eric Adams's Threats to New York as a Sanctuary City**