

2017

New York State Legislative Agenda

The City Bar has released its 2017 New York State Legislative Agenda, which will help guide our advocacy work over the coming months in Albany. This agenda represents only a portion of the dozens of positions generated by our committees over the course of each legislative session. It focuses on issues that are relevant to the current legislative debate or of particular importance to the City Bar, as well as on legislative proposals drafted by our committees.



The 2017 New York State Legislative Agenda can be viewed in full here: <http://bit.ly/2IVpjWf>

- Support efforts to bring meaningful and comprehensive **ethics, rules** and **election law reform** to Albany.
- Advance the **criminal justice reform** and policies that will **reduce mass incarceration**.
LEGISLATION ENACTED TO RAISE THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY
- ✓ • Support the Judiciary's 2017-18 Budget Request, including adequate funding for **civil legal services**.
- ✓ • Support the full funding of **indigent legal services**.
- Promote comprehensive **reproductive health** policies and **age-appropriate sexual education**.
- Amend the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law to re-incentivize **art authenticators** and restore integrity to art transactions in New York. **PASSED THE SENATE**
- Reform and modernize the administration of **class actions** in New York's courts by amending Article 9 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
- Enact the **Uniform Voidable Transactions Act**, which would modernize New York's laws related to fraudulent conveyances. **PASSED THE ASSEMBLY**
- Provide that communications between a consumer of legal services and a **legal referral service** or lawyer referral service be deemed to be privileged. **PASSED THE ASSEMBLY**
- Modernize New York's **public procurement construction laws** to provide public owners with a wider variety of procurement and delivery modes, as necessary and appropriate, to reduce costs, speed delivery and improve quality and service.