New York State Legislative Agenda

The City Bar has released its 2019 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 2019 New York State Legislative Agenda can be viewed in full here: http://bit.ly/2lVpjWf

GOOD GOVERNMENT
- Reform and modernize New York’s voting system and Election Law, including early voting and “no excuse” absentee ballots
- Bring meaningful and comprehensive ethics and rules reform to Albany

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND EXPERIENCE
- Advance criminal justice reform and policies that will reduce mass incarceration
- Create a system for the production, distribution and adult non-medical use of marijuana in New York
- Promote comprehensive reproductive health policies and sexual education
- Enact the Gender Expression Nondiscrimination Act (GENDA)

THE JUDICIARY AND THE FAIR, EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
- Support the Judiciary’s 2019-20 Budget Request, including adequate funding for civil legal services
- Enact the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act, which would modernize New York’s laws related to fraudulent conveyances
- Reform and modernize the administration of class actions in New York’s courts
- Re-incentivize art authenticators and restore integrity to art transactions in New York

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL PRACTICE AREAS
- Extend common interest privilege to business transactions
- Support long-established practices of business-to-business arbitration proceedings
- No automatic consent to jurisdiction by foreign businesses registering to do business in New York

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