

NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- OUTCOMES -

The City Bar has released its 2020 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 legislative proposals drafted by our committees. In 2020, the City Bar marks a century and a half of advocating reform of the law in the public interest, increasing access to justice, standing up for the rule of law, and being a second home to the legal profession.

The 2020 New York State Legislative Agenda can be viewed in full [here](#).

THE JUDICIARY & THE FAIR, EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

- Reform & modernize the administration of class actions in New York's courts
- Simplify New York State's courts through restructuring
- ✓ Support the Judiciary's 2020-21 Budget Request, including adequate funding for civil legal services
- Financial support for legal services for veterans seeking benefits
- Permit nonresident attorneys to practice in New York without maintaining a physical office in state
- Re-incentivize art authenticators & restore integrity to art transactions in New York

GOOD GOVERNMENT

- Bring meaningful & comprehensive ethics reform to Albany: *NYS Government Integrity Commission; limit legislators' outside employment*
- ✓ Build upon reforms to further modernize New York's voting system & Election Law: *make Election Day a work holiday; **felony re-enfranchisement**; Election Law enforcement reform*

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY & EXPERIENCE

- Advance criminal justice reform & policies that will reduce mass incarceration: *Second Chance Amendment; Justice Safety Valve Act; reexamine mandatory court fees*
- ✓ Create a system for the production, distribution & adult non-medical use of marijuana in New York
- ✓ Enact the Child-Parent Security Act & legalize compensated gestational surrogacy in New York
- Promote comprehensive sexual health education

BUSINESS & COMMERCIAL PRACTICE AREAS

- ✓ 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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