

NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

#BarOfHope

The City Bar's **2022 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 2022 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
 - 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

- Replace the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) *JCOPE was replaced with the Commission on Ethics & Lobbying in Government; the City Bar did not support the new Commission*
- ✓ Reform the Open Meetings Law to permit hybrid format
- ✓ Build upon reforms to further modernize and secure New York's voting system and Election Law

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- Advance policies to address mass incarceration
- Enact the Second Chance Amendment
- Create a First-time Felony Diversion Court
- Clarify registration requirements for individuals convicted of Level 1 sex offenses from out of state

HOUSING AND 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 needs allowance for residents living in shelters serving meals

BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

- Regulate the use of noncompete agreements for lower-salary employees
- ✓ Support long-established practices of business-to-business arbitration proceedings
- ✓ Combat cruel commercial companion animal breeding
 - Enact the Consumer and Small Business Protection Act

Contact:

Elizabeth Kocienda (212) 382-4788, ekocienda@nycbar.org – Director of Advocacy
Maria Cilenti (212) 382-6655, mcilenti@nycbar.org – Senior Policy Counsel
Mary Margulis-Ohnuma (212) 382-6767, mmargulis-ohnuma@nycbar.org – Policy Counsel

NEW YORK
CITY BAR