

## NEW YORK STATE HIGHLIGHTS

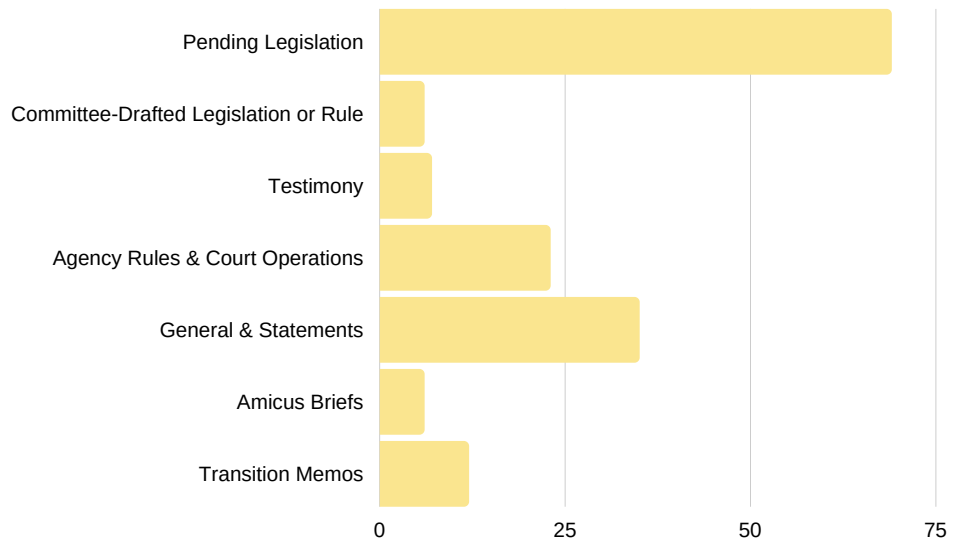
- Following an abbreviated legislative session in 2020, the State Legislature returned to a full legislative calendar in 2021. Committees responded accordingly, issuing **63** reports and testimony commenting on or proposing legislation.

- Despite the fact that all advocacy work was done remotely, **22** bills supported by the City Bar passed both houses of the Legislature; **10** of those bills have been signed

into law by the Governor to date. *Click [here](#) to learn more about the bills and if they are signed into law.*

- Committees engaged with the Office of Court Administration on a number of issues, including racial inequities in the State court system, conducting court operations in remote settings / reopening during the pandemic, the process by which Family Court judges are appointed and assigned, proposed commercial division rule reforms and recommending that Bar applicants not have to disclose all arrests and convictions.

## TYPES OF REPORTS ISSUED



## FEDERAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The City Bar has issued **12** transition memos to the Biden-Harris Administration to date.
- Supported the George Floyd Justice In Policing Act, which has passed the House of Representatives.
- Drafted a framework for regulatory evaluation of charging decisions against chief compliance officers in the financial sector.
- Continued to speak on rule of law issues, including statements on election integrity, voting rights, lawyers' and public officials' obligations during the Presidential Transition, the need for an independent immigration court and that articles of impeachment be taken up in response to the January 6th insurrection at the Capitol.

**164**

Reports issued or updated

**50%**

**81** committees drafted or signed on to reports

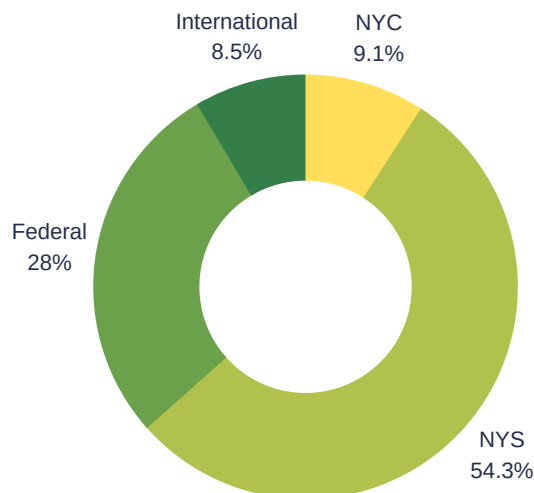
**About Us:** The Policy Department coordinates the City Bar's policy work, legislative activity and advocacy. Our committees participate in shaping public policy in a variety of ways and it is our job to facilitate these activities and ensure that the City Bar's reports are communicated to the key players at the most impactful times.

**NEW YORK CITY HIGHLIGHTS**

- In collaboration with the City Bar Justice Center and a broad coalition of supporters, the City Bar launched a [#wifi4homeless](#) campaign to urge the City to ensure that homeless shelters are equipped with reliable Wi-Fi access and related technology. While there is more work to be done, the Mayor's Office announced the City would be installing Wi-Fi in more than 200 homeless shelters housing school-age children and domestic violence shelters by the end of the summer.
- Continued work to support and ultimately expand New York City's [right to counsel](#) for tenants facing residential eviction in Housing Court.
- Positive outcomes included a Mayoral Emergency Executive Order issued to permit an interim procedural change to permit applications to correct [property tax assessments](#) at the NYC Tax Commission with certification; and NYC DOE announced it is eliminating the Gifted & Talented program and that middle schools will not use test scores or other academic "screens" to select students.

**COVID-19 RELATED WORK**

- The City Bar issued **24** reports during this period related to the [coronavirus pandemic](#).
- These reports were directed at all levels of government, covering topics such as the 2020 [bar exam](#), resuming court operations, [eviction relief](#), addressing COVID in [prisons and jails](#), ensuring significant [investments in education](#), closing the [digital divide](#), [electronic notarization](#), and [equitable vaccine distribution](#). *Click [here](#) to see all related reports.*
- We saw positive outcomes on a number of issues we lent our support to: former [foster care youth](#) were authorized to re-enter foster care during the COVID-19 state of emergency; prisoners 65+ authorized for prioritized COVID vaccination; the [Save Our Stages Act](#) was adopted; and [significant funding](#) was allocated for the education system in the New York State Budget.

**JURISDICTION BREAKDOWN****PREVIEW OF THE 2021-22 COMMITTEE YEAR**

- Prepare transition memos for and engage with the incoming administration for the NYC Mayor.
- Advocate for City Bar-drafted legislative proposals in the NYS Legislature.
- Continue to build on "Bar of Hope" priority pillars.