



2024 State Legislative Update: Committee on Families and the Law

We've come to the end of the 2024 Legislative Session, with several actions taken by the Legislature that may be of interest to your committee. Please reach out to the GR team with any questions about any particular legislation of interest that you don't see on the following list. Any memoranda and letters drafted by the committee in support or opposition to legislation were shared by the Government Relations team, and the team looks forward to working with the committee as we move into the second half of 2024.

Legislation of Interest

Passed by the Legislature:

- A6026(Cunningham)/S6288(Hinchey): Enacts "Melanie's Law"; an act to amend the family court act and the criminal procedure law, in relation to orders of protection. This bill passed both houses and will go to the Governor for signature or veto by the end of the year.
- A3580-A(Hevesi)/S8745(Persaud): Relates to the subsidies that may be provided to a parent who adopts a disabled or hard to place child. This bill passed both houses and will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- A5873(Lavine)/S3340(Mayer): Relates to the reporting of extreme risk protection orders. This bill passed both houses and will go to the Governor for signature or veto by the end of the year.
- S9839(Hoylman-Sigal)/A10540(Dais): Increases the number of judges in certain courts. This bill passed both houses and will go to the Governor for signature or veto by the end of the year.
- A9505(McMahon)/S9015(Persaud): Relates to the establishment and modification of child support orders; requires the court to consider the specific circumstances of the parent. This bill passed both houses and will go to the Governor for signature or veto by the end of the year.

Not Passed:

- A109-B(Rosenthal L)/S320-B(Salazar): Prohibits drug, cannabis or alcohol testing and screening of pregnant or postpartum individuals and newborns. This bill was advanced to third reading in the Assembly but had little movement in the Senate.
- A9000(Tapia): Establishes procedures regarding orders of post-termination visitation and/or contact between a child and such child's parent. This bill was not introduced in the Senate and had no movement in the Assembly.
- A1156(Vanel)/S2303(Myrie): Precludes inadmissible statements made by defendants because of false information and requires data collection of recorded interrogations. This legislation did not move this session.

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- A7680(McMahon)/S7446(Salazar): Relates to orders of protection in child abuse and neglect proceedings in family court. This bill passed the Assembly but did not move out of committee in the Senate.
- A8341(Solages)/ S7819(Persaud): Authorizes and directs the office of children and family services to conduct a study on the family assessment response program. This bill had no movement this session.
- S2084(Harckham): Prohibits certain forensic child custody evaluators from appearing as an expert witness in family court.
- S8339-A(Mayer)/A10188(Walker): Establishes standards for public access to family court proceedings. This bill passed the Senate but had no movement in the Assembly.
- S901-A(Brisport)/A1980-A(Walker): Requires child protective services to orally and in writing disclose certain information to parents and caretakers who are the subject of a child protective services investigation. This bill was referred to the rules committee in the Assembly but did not have much movement in the Senate.
- S902-B(Brisport)/A2479-A(Hevesi): Relates to the administration of the statewide central register of child abuse and maltreatment. This bill passed the Senate. It made it to third reading in the Assembly and was amended but did not pass.
- A2879(Magnarelli): Relates to the issuance of additional orders of protection when reviewing an extreme risk protection order. This bill showed no movement in the Assembly and did not have a same-as in the Senate.

NYSBA saw a number of bills supported by Association policy pass in both houses this session, including:

- Among NYSBA's legislative priorities for 2024 was the passage of [A7241-A\(Lavine\)/S8663\(Hoylman-Sigal\)](#), a bill which would exempt non-electronic notarial acts from the record-keeping rules and regulations set forth by the Department of State.
- [S895-B/A6789-B](#), a bill which requires disclosure of certain social media terms of service. This bill was supported by the Task Force on Combatting Antisemitism and Anti-Asian Hate's [Report](#), adopted by NYSBA's House of Delegates in January 2024.
- [S7524/A10350](#), a bill which would expand current authority for the use of e-filing in the courts. This bill was supported by Committee on Court Structure and Operations' [2012 Report](#) along with the [2023 Report](#) by the Task Force on the Modernization of Criminal Practice.
- [S206-A/A1432-A](#), a bill which removes the lifetime ban on jury duty for convicted felons. This bill is supported by the Task Force on Racism, Social Equity and the Law's [2023 Report](#).
- [S7567-A/A9143](#), a bill to ensure state-paid judges and justices receive death benefits even if they were not retired by the time of their death. [A resolution](#) was adopted by the Association in 2015 to support this policy.

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- [S5414/A5366](#), a concurrent resolution to remove the current constitutional cap on the number of supreme court justices, allowing the legislature to set the number of judges as they do for every other court. The Committee on the New York State Constitution supported this issue in their 2017 [Report on the Judiciary Article of the NYS Constitution](#).
- [S9839/A10540](#), a bill which increases the number of Family Court judges throughout the state as well as increases the number of judges of the Civil Court of the City of New York. The Committee on Family and the Law's [2022 Report](#) supports this policy.

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