

2025 State Legislative Update: Committee on Civil Practice Law and Rules

We've come to the end of the 2025 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 2025.

Legislation of Interest

Passed by the Legislature:

- A6556(Rosenthal)/S5514(Hinchey): Includes consideration of evidence of recent acts of aggravated cruelty to animals as a factor to be considered when determining whether grounds for a temporary extreme risk protection order exist. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year. The Committee on Animals and the Law supported this bill with a memo.
- A1550(Solages)/S6975(Gonzalez): Relates to prohibiting a court from denying class certification solely because the action involves governmental operations. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year. This bill was vetoed in 2024.
- A8302(O'Pharrow)/S8195(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to an affirmation by any person, wherever made, in a civil action. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- A8303(Lunsford)/S8186(Gianaris): Provides that a foreign corporation's application for authority
 to do business in this state constitutes consent to jurisdiction of the courts of this state. This bill
 will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- A8408(Dais)/S8175(Sepulveda): Allows certain methods for service of process. This bill will go to
 the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year. The Trust and Estates Section
 submitted a memo in support of this bill.

Not Passed:

• A188(Rosenthal)/S1142(Gounardes): Relates to the statute of limitations for actions based on employment discrimination. This bill passed the Senate, but did not move in the Assembly.

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- A345(Paulin)/S3160(Hoylman-Sigal): Provides that limited liability for persons held jointly liable shall not apply to parties held liable for failing to provide reasonable security. This bill did not move in either house.
- S6128(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to the use of writings and objects to refresh recollection. This bill passed the Senate but was not introduced in the Assembly.
- A1182(Seawright)/S410(Gounardes): Relates to certain jury awards in employment discrimination actions. This bill passed the Senate but showed no movement in the Assembly.
- A1219(Dinowitz)/S86(Sepulveda): Relates to providing for vacation of an arbitration award on the ground that the arbitrator was affiliated with a party or has a financial interest in a party or the outcome. This bill passed the Assembly, but did not move in the Senate.
- A1379(Dinowitz)/S3661(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to class actions. This bill showed some movement in the Senate, but did not pass either house.
- A1548(Rosenthal)/S2497(Gounardes): Relates to the admissibility of certain testimony and evidence by a person alleging discrimination. This bill passed the Senate, but did not move in the Assembly.
- A3226-A(Gonzalez-Rojas)/S3394-A(Gounardes): Enacts the ceasing repeated and extremely
 egregious predatory (CREEP) behavior act. This bill passed the Senate and showed some
 movement in the Assembly, but did not pass.
- A3384(Lavine)/S260(Martinez): Relates to extreme risk protection orders. This bill did not move in either house.
- A3461-A(Lavine)/S3879-A(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to arbitration proceedings. This bill passed the Senate, but did not move in the Assembly.
- A5379(Bores)/S3888(Fernandez): Relates to the determination of damages in a civil action arising from personal injury or wrongful death. This bill showed some movement in the Senate but did not pass in either house.
- A7473(Lavine)/S3837(Hoylman-Sigal): Enacts the "sunshine in litigation act" regarding protective orders. This bill showed some movement in the Senate but did not pass in either house.
- S660(Gianaris): Relates to detaining persons for longer than twenty-four hours. This bill passed the Senate but was not introduced in the Assembly.
- S1055(Serrano)/A356(Weprin): Prohibits the division of criminal justice services from disclosing pending adjournment in contemplation of dismissals on civil records of arrests and prosecutions. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly, but did not pass.
- S2695(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to admissibility of evidence of a victim's sexual conduct, sexual
 predisposition, or manner of dress. This bill passed the Senate but was not introduced in the
 Assembly.
- S2698(Hoylman-Sigal)/A8546(Lavine): Relates to requiring disclosure of use of generative artificial intelligence in a civil action. This bill showed some movement in the Senate but did not pass either house.

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