2025 State Legislative Update: Trial Lawyers Section

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 section. 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 section in support or opposition to legislation were shared by the Government Relations team, and the team looks forward to working with the section as we move into the second half of 2025.

Legislation of Interest

Passed by the Legislature:

- A934-A(Magnarelli)/S6735-A(Fahy): Relates to peremptory challenges where there are two or more defendants. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- A6332-A(Romero)/S7546(Brouk): Requires the district attorney to mail disposition of criminal felony trial to any crime victim not present at time defendant sentenced or acquitted after completion of trial. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- A7563(McDonald)/S8312(Hinchey): Relates to the removal of actions to certain courts in an adjoining county. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- S1652(Bailey)/A7265(Pretlow): Authorizes a court to direct filing of non-family offense order of protection with the computerized registry for such orders and warrants. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- S8196(Hoylman-Sigal)/A8890(Burroughs): Relates to judges presiding over designated youth parts. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- S8374(Persaud)/A8297(Lunsford): Establishes a pilot program to provide alternative dispute resolution and navigator services in child support matters. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- A8572(McMahon)/S8382(Ryan): Relates to orders of protection in child abuse and neglect proceedings in family court. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto by the end of the year.
- A804-C(Magnarelli)/S1104-A(Cooney): Relates to consumer litigation funding. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.
- S4423(Hoylman-Sigal)/A6063(Lunsford): Provides for the types of damages that may be awarded to the persons for whose benefit an action for wrongful death is brought. This bill will go to the Governor for signature or veto before the end of the year.

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Not Passed:

- S878-B(Bailey)/A2620-A(Hevesi): Relates to procedures required for the custodial interrogation of children. This legislation passed the Assembly and showed some movement in the Senate but did not pass. This bill is supported by NYSBA policy – the Association submitted a memo in support.
- S551(Brisport)/A1234(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 is supported by NYSBA policy – the Association submitted a memo in support.
- A53-A(Paulin)/S4592(Gianaris): Allows evidence of a defendant's prior crimes or acts to be admissible in a criminal case for certain purposes. This bill showed some movement in the Assembly but did not pass either house.
- A204(Cruz)/S2266(Hoylman-Sigal): Requires annual reports of legal settlement payments related to law enforcement activity. This bill did not move in either house.
- A206(Cruz)/S3974(Sepulveda): Relates to failure to complete a program for time allowances due to circumstances beyond an individual's control. This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- A240(Dilan)/S3666(Comrie): Provides for protections regarding consumer litigation funding. This bill showed no movement in either house.
- A296(Cruz)/S3909(Parker): Enacts the "New York state phoenix act". This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- A356(Weprin)/S1055(Serrano): 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 was advanced to third-reading in the Assembly but did not pass.
- A1422(Cruz)/S4525(Bailey): Requires accurate interpretation of statements made by deponents with limited English proficiency in accusatory instruments and supporting depositions. This bill passed the Senate and was ordered to third-reading in the Assembly.
- A1463(Hunter)/S5138(Gianaris): Abolishes citizens arrests; repealer. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly but did not pass.
- A1471(Simon)/S1285-A(Persaud): Relates to jury deliberations. This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- A2290(Gandolfo): Protects the identity of witnesses of hate crimes in discovery proceedings. This bill was not introduced in the Senate and 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.
- A5222(DeStefano)/S150(Palumbo): Allows lifetime orders of protection in certain cases. This bill did not move in either house.
- A6563(Lavine)/S6814(Bailey): Relates to notification of crime victims of the death of the accused. This bill did not move in either house.

- S116(Cleare)/A2575(Dinowitz): Relates to the statute of limitations of actions related to certain sex trafficking offenses. This bill passed in the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- S336(Bailey)/A4670(Jackson): Relates to grand jury proceedings. This bill did not move in either house.
- S524(Mayer): Relates to establishing the crime of voyeurism. This bill passed the Senate but was not introduced in the Assembly.
- S660(Gianaris): Relates to detaining persons for longer than twenty-four hours. This bill passed the Senate but was not introduced in the Assembly.
- S7558(Cleare): Relates to requiring consent of a minor's parent, legal guardian or attorney for law enforcement collection of DNA from certain minors. This bill was not introduced in the Assembly and did not move in the Senate.
- A3269(Vanel)/S1860(Myrie): Precludes inadmissible statements made by defendants because of false information and requires data collection of recorded interrogations. This bill did not pass either house.
- S3718(Lanza): Relates to visitation and custody rights involving non-U.S. citizens. This bill was not introduced in the Assembly and did not move in the Senate.
- S2597(Mayer)/A7368(Walker): Establishes standards for public access to family court proceedings. This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- S462-A(Hoylman-Sigal)/A1518-A(Weprin): Relates to audio-visual coverage of judicial proceedings by the media; repealer. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly but did not pass.
- S1004-A(Brouk)/A5567-A(Simon): Relates to determining the capacity of a defendant to stand trial. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly but did not pass.
- 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.

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