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UPDATE

2025 End of Year 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 and the Governor 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 2026 Legislative Session.

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 was chaptered by the Governor and takes effect immediately. The Committee on Animals and the Law supported this bill with [a memo](#).
- A8302(O'Pharrow)/S8195(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to an affirmation by any person, wherever made, in a civil action. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and takes effect immediately.
- A8408(Dais)/S8175(Sepulveda): Allows certain methods for service of process. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and takes effect immediately. The Trust and Estates Section submitted [a memo in support](#) of this bill.
- A8728(Lunsford)/S8071-A(Addabbo): Enacts the avoiding vexatious overuse of impleading to delay (AVOID) act. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will take effect April 2026.
- S4960(Bailey)/A3888(Weprin): Relates to extending the exemption from filing requirements only with respect to rates and policy forms to out of state businesses. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and takes effect immediately.
- A1550(Solages)/S6975(Gonzalez): Relates to prohibiting a court from denying class certification solely because the action involves governmental operations. This bill was vetoed by the Governor.
- 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 was vetoed by the Governor.

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- S5170(Skoufis)/A3351(Dinowitz): Relates to permitting a plaintiff to recover directly against a third party defendant found to be liable in certain actions. The Torts, Insurance, Compensation Law Section [submitted a memo in opposition](#). This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

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.
- 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.

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- 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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