Courts & Court Administration, Generally

- Constitutional Amendment given second legislative passage: Amends provisions of sections two and 25 of Article VI of the State Constitution to: (1) permit Judges of the Court of Appeals to serve out any term to which they are appointed before the end of the year in which they turn 70 provided they may not thereby serve beyond the end of the year in which they turn 80; and (2) permit Supreme Court Justices who retire at the end of the year in which they turn 70 to seek up to five two-year certifications for continued service as retired justices (in other words, to serve until the end of the year in which they turn 80). Effective 1/1/2014, provided the State's voters ratify the amendment at the 2011 general election.
- L. 2013, c. 22: Amends the Judiciary Law to clarify what constitutes the unauthorized practice of law, and to clarify further that admission *pro hac vice* or as a legal consultant are subject to regulation by the Court of Appeals. Effective 5/2/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 51: Enacts the 2013-14 Judiciary Budget. Effective 4/1/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 113: Amends the Civil Practice Law and Rules and the Judiciary Law to authorize extension of the mandatory electronic filing program in civil proceedings to Nassau County. Effective 7/12/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 145: Amends the Town Law and the Public Officers Law to provide that the Town Justice of the Town of Piercefield, in the St. Lawrence County, need not be a resident of such town. Effective 7/12/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 156: Amends the Town Law and the Public Officers Law in relation to the requirements for individuals serving as Town Justice in the Town of Lyndon in Cattaraugus County. Effective 7/12/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 283: Amends the Judiciary Law to require that an attorney, upon his or her conviction of a crime in any court, file the record of such conviction with the Appellate Division within 30 days of that conviction. Effective 7/31/2013.

Civil Practice & Procedure

- L. 2013, c. 204. Amends the Civil Practice Law and Rules in relation to discretionary retention of one or more alternate jurors after final submission of a case to ensure availability, if needed, during jury deliberations. Effective 7/31/2013 (and applicable to all actions commenced on or after such date and to all pending actions in which a jury has not yet been selected).
- L. 2013, c. 205. Amends the Civil Practice Law and Rules to expand the list of persons who may seek the remedy of a protective order in regard to the use of discovery devices such as a subpoena for records. Effective 7/31/2013 (and applicable to all actions pending on such date or commenced on or after such date).
- L. 2013, c. 270. Amends the Civil Practice Law and Rules in relation to income withholding for child support. Effective 4/27/2014 (except that any rule or regulation necessary for the timely implementation of this act on its effective date may be promulgated on or before such date).
- L. 2013, c. 306. Amends the Civil Practice Law and Rules to provide for the filing of a certificate of merit in certain residential foreclosure actions. Effective 8/30/2013.

Criminal Law & Procedure

- L. 2013, c. 1: Enacts the NY Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act of 2013. Effective 1/15/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 55: Amends various sunset provisions affecting statutes applicable to criminal cases (part E), extending their authority until September 1, 2015 and including, among others, provisions relating to electronic court appearances (CPL Art. 182), to mandatory arrest in domestic violence cases (section 140.10(4) of the CPL) and to use of closed circuit television for certain child witnesses (CPL Art. 65). Effective on various dates.
- L. 2013, c. 98: Amends the SAFE Act of 2013 (L. 2013, c. 1) in relation to exempting qualified retired law enforcement officers from certain limitations related to the possession of firearms. Effective 7/5/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 133: Amends the Correction Law to authorize attorneys of the State Commission of Correction to issue substitute jail designations when a jail becomes unfit or unsafe for the confinement of inmates. Effective 7/12/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 135: Amends the Executive Law to clarify that the chairman of the Board of Parole is responsible for the administrative functions and daily operations of the Parole Board and its staff. Effective 7/12/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 162: Amends the Penal Law to reclassify the offense of killing or injuring a police animal from a class A misdemeanor to a class D felony. Effective 11/1/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 172: Amends the Penal Law to classify the assault of a child where the defendant has a previous conviction for an assault or an attempted assault of a child as an assault in the first degree. Effective 7/29/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 287: Amends section 360.20 of the Criminal Procedure Law to conform the jury selection procedure used in a local criminal court to the jury selection procedure used in superior court. Effective 7/31/2013.

Family Law

• L. 2013, c. 83: Amends the Mental Hygiene Law and the Social Services Law to make technical corrections to the Protection of People with Special Needs Act. Effective 6/30/2013 (with some provisions effective on other dates).

Vehicle and Traffic Law

- L. 2013, c. 55: Amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law to fix new surcharge amounts for various offenses under such law (part C); and to extend the life of statutes authorizing certain mandatory surcharges (part E). Effective 7/26/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 87: Amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law to extend the driver's license suspension process as an enforcement tool for child support collection for two years. Effective 6/30/2013.

- L. 2013, c. 91: Amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law to add convictions for texting-while-driving and using a hand-held cell phone to the list of violations for which probationary and junior license holders would have their permits or licenses suspended for sixty days upon a *first* conviction; and provides that, for *subsequent* conviction of either of these offenses within six months of license restoration, probationary drivers would have their licenses revoked for six months and junior license holders would have their permits or licenses revoked for an additional sixty days. Effective 7/1/2013.
- L. 2013, c. 169: Amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law in relation to driving while intoxicated and the installation of an ignition interlock device, to ensure that Leandra's Law is given proper effect. Effective 11/1/2013.