



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

LEGAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Starting time: 9:00am

Martin Carpenter
Chair

Tom McCarthy
Vice Chair

The Legal Action Committee reviewed the financials and current legal matters supported by NYSAR.

The Legal Action Committee approved up to \$40,000 to draft a brief in the Pusatere v City of Albany appeal to the NYS Court of Appeals taking the position that local Good Cause Eviction laws are preempted by state law.

The Legal Action Committee approved up to \$45,000 in funding to the Hudson Valley Property Owners Association to challenge recent changes to the Tenant Protection Act requiring landlords to provide 3 years of rent rolls to municipalities that pass the Tenant Protection Act.

NYSAR counsel provided a Legal Department update. Legal hotline volume is still up as compared to pre-COVID volume. The calling trend has shifted from COVID related questions to real estate practice related questions. NYSAR attorneys have returned every call made during this time.

The Legal Department will continue to offer a free monthly legal update course through Zoom for one hour of CE credit.

Legal Action Committee – Staff Liaison: Anthony Gatto, Esq. agatto@nysar.com 518-463-0300x230.

Committee Description: The Legal Action Committee is a termed committee consisting of 12 individuals appointed by the NYSAR President for a term of three years as well as a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The NYSAR Secretary/Treasurer is also a member of the committee. It maintains a watch on legal issues arising throughout the state which could have an effect on the membership and the real estate industry, communicates legal information of importance to the local boards/associations and the membership, and administers the Legal Action Fund for proactive and reactive legal matters.