



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

LEGAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
High Street 24-26, Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY
Starting time: 12:00PM-1:30PM

Jason Walch
Chair

John Gerace
Vice Chair

The Legal Action Committee reviewed those matters currently pending where funding was previously approved. Jim Braman, Esq. briefed the comment on the progress of the amicus curiae brief that NYSAR will be submitting in the matter of 106 N. Broadway v. Houlihan Lawrence. It is anticipated the brief will be filed in the next week.

A request for funding was made by the committee to approve an amount up to \$50,000 for NYSAR's portion of the Article 78 hearing against the Department of State. The amount of the lawsuit will be shared between NYSAR and REBNY. If the matter has to go to trial, the committee understands that there may be another request for funding.

The committee reviewed the 2019 Legal Hotline report. The legal hotline answered 5,142 calls addressing 9,742 different questions from members up from 8,877 in 2018.

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.