

On July 31, 2013, the Governor approved a bill, A7460/S5078, amending Judiciary Law § 90 (4) (c) requiring attorneys to notify the Appellate Division when they have been convicted of a crime in any court within 30 days of the conviction. The new amendment eliminates an anomaly in the statute that previously required such reporting of convictions only when such convictions had taken place in a "court of record." Since town and village courts are not "courts of record," attorneys convicted of crimes in those courts were not required to report such convictions to the Appellate Division, while attorneys convicted of the exact same crime in a city court were bound to report such conviction to the Appellate Division.

The bill, which was introduced at the request of the Administrative Board of the New York State Unified Court System, was sponsored by Senator John J. Bonacic and Assembly Member David Buchwald.