



THE STATE CHAMBER

## Legal Reform

### 2021 Legislative Initiatives

- Support pro-business lawsuit reforms, reforms to Oklahoma's product liability laws, and push back against legislation that would expand liability, including but not limited to:
  - Support Rational Use of a Product Act.
  - Support Statute of Repose not to exceed ten years.
  - Update the Oklahoma Rules of Procedure to reflect changes to pleading standards in the federal system.
  - Strengthen the use of the summary judgement statute.
  - Support certificate of merit reform.
  - Support a solution to place a limit on non-economic damages.
  - Strengthen and broaden the Oklahoma Offer of Judgment Statute.
  - Protect property owners from attorney fee liability when the state demands a jury trial in eminent domain appeals.
  - Support amending public and private nuisance laws to avoid misuse.
  - Support Transparency in Private Attorney Contracts (TiPAC — Attorney General contracts on a contingency fee basis with outside counsel).
  - Support pro-business reforms to Oklahoma's judicial nominating process including term and/or age limits, and implementation of the federal (or quasi-federal) process.
- Support business friendly protections in the new medical marijuana laws.
- Support efforts to further criminal justice reform to improve workforce and protect public safety while decreasing costs within the state's budget.
- Special Laws: Support reforming Article 5, Section 46 of the Oklahoma Constitution to remove the provision limiting civil actions.
- Logrolling: Support reforming Article 5, section 57 of the Oklahoma Constitution to include clear, defined and simple guidelines on what constitutes or does not constitute a violation of the single-subject provision.
- Restatements of the Law do not constitute the law or public policy of this state if the statement is inconsistent or in conflict with: The Constitution of the United States or Oklahoma; Oklahoma statute; Oklahoma case law precedent; or other common law that may have been adopted by Oklahoma.