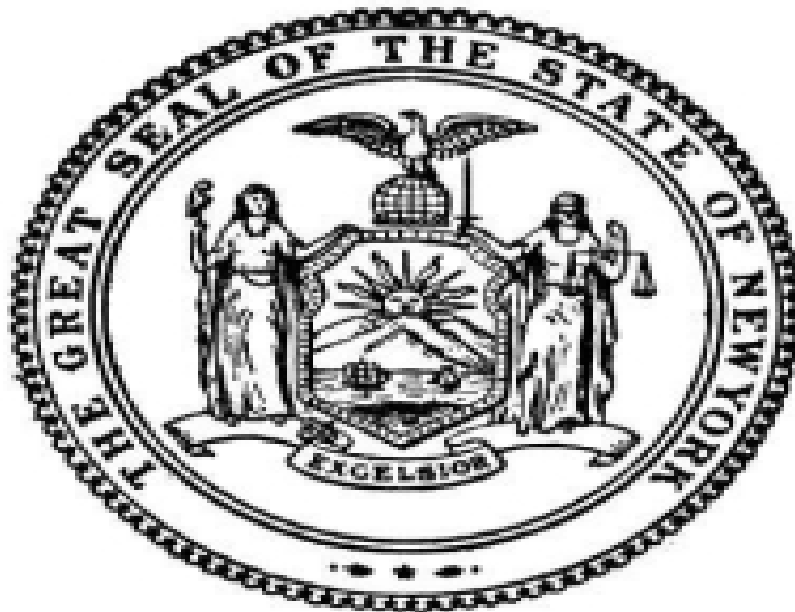


New York



State Seal

The Great Seal of New York was adopted in 1882. The state motto, *Excelsior*, which means Ever Upward is on a silver scroll below the shield.