§ 304. Actions by or against the city of New York; or against the New York city transit authority; venue. (a) An action by or on behalf of the city of New York or any department thereof shall be brought in the county of New York or in the county within said city where the cause of action arose.

(b) An action against the city of New York or the New York city transit authority shall be brought in the county within said city where the cause of action arose. If the cause of action arose outside the city of New York, the action shall be brought in the county of New York.