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***STATEMENT ON OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL
AIMED AT SIMPLIFYING NEW YORK'S COMPLEX COURT SYSTEM***

(New York, NY) – **Janet Sabel, Attorney-In-Chief and CEO of The Legal Aid Society**, released the following statement in response to New York State Chief Judge Janet DiFiore's proposal that would simplify New York's court system:

"We appreciate Chief Judge Janet DiFiore's efforts to rationalize and simplify New York's complex court system. The Legal Aid Society looks forward to working with the Chief Judge and the Office of Court Administration on this proposal to ensure that our clients and their families, and other New Yorkers who appear in these courts will benefit from any reform."

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