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***LEGAL AID ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HIRES TO  
DIGITAL FORENSICS UNIT, APPOINTS SUPERVISING  
ATTORNEY – JEROME GRECO – TO LEAD SOCIETY  
EFFORTS DEFENDING CLIENTS AGAINST NEW  
SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGIES USED BY LAW  
ENFORCEMENT***

***DFU ALSO OPENS NEW LABORATORY IN THE BRONX  
TO ASSIST WITH CASES CITYWIDE***

(NEW YORK, NY) – **The Legal Aid Society** announced the expansion of its Digital Forensics Unit (DFU) today and appointed Jerome D. Greco its Supervising Attorney. Mr. Greco will eventually lead a team of nine staff members, including three attorneys, four analysts, and two examiners. DFU will be fully staffed by the end of this year.

The Society also announced the opening of a Bronx Digital Forensics Lab to bolster current operations at its Manhattan Lab, which has been serving clients in all five boroughs. With this investment, DFU will be better positioned to provide assistance on individual cases, spearhead impact litigation, and engage in policy advocacy. Such advocacy remains a top priority for the Society given the increased use by law enforcement of highly intrusive surveillance technologies that are often insufficiently tested and of dubious reliability. The Legal Aid Society is the only public defender organization in the nation to have such a unit of this size.

“With law enforcement increasingly relying on electronic surveillance – which has largely remained unchecked by the government – our clients need the expertise and the tools to challenge these practices effectively,” said **Jerome D. Greco, Supervising Attorney of the Digital Forensics Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “I’m honored to have been selected to manage this unit, especially as New York City enters an era where these technologies will be more and more prevalent.”

### **Background:**

Using industry-leading tools, the Digital Forensics Unit assists attorneys in all five boroughs in interpreting and using evidence from personal computers, mobile devices, and social media accounts. Additionally, analysts interpret cell phone location data, edit and enhance video recordings, and consult on other areas of emerging technology. The Unit provides trial preparation and litigation support to attorneys including providing expert testimony, preserving electronic evidence, preparing cross-examinations, and drafting motions and subpoenas related to technology. Recent work by the DFU includes combatting the use of facial recognition, ShotSpotter evidence, and motions to controvert search warrants for cell phones and social media accounts.

### **Jerome D. Greco Biography:**

Prior to joining the Digital Forensics Unit, Jerome was a trial attorney in the Legal Aid Society's Manhattan and Staten Island criminal defense offices. In addition to his work with technology, he has significant experience in litigating Freedom of Information requests and is an advocate for government transparency. Jerome graduated magna cum laude from New York Law School in 2011 and received his B.A. from Columbia University in 2008.

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