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***Statement on Prosecutorial Misconduct Commission Court Ruling***

**(NEW YORK, NY) – Tina Luongo, Attorney-In-Charge of the Criminal Defense Practice at The Legal Aid Society,** released the following statement in response to a ruling issued tonight concerning New York’s Prosecutorial Misconduct Commission:

"We are immensely disappointed with the court’s decision. Prosecutorial misconduct is a reality that our clients and our attorneys confront on a regular basis. People have languished in prison for years, their lives ruined because of the misconduct of prosecutors who abuse their power with impunity. There must be an independent body to hold prosecutors accountable when they break the law or act in bad faith. This decision will not stop the movement for real accountability."

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