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NYC DOI Halts City Marshalls From Commencing Evictions Indefinitely

(NEW YORK, NY) – Judith Goldiner, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, applauded the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) for suspending all residential evictions executed by City marshals. Earlier this week, the New York State Office of Court Administration (OCA) suspended all eviction proceedings statewide but this moratorium did not include cases that were recently disposed of and transmitted to a marshal to execute:

"We are relieved that the City has taken this measure to ensure that those New Yorkers on the brink of eviction are able to remain safely in their homes during this precarious time. Slowing the spread of this pandemic is a worldwide priority, especially right here in New York City. This suspension of all residential evictions is the right move and underscores New York's values as a progressive city."

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