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Legal Aid and Immigrant Rights Advocates Laud Win in NYAG ICE Out of Courts Lawsuit

(New York, NY) – Today, a Manhattan federal judge in *New York v. ICE* ruled that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests in and around courthouses are unlawful under the Administrative Procedure Act as they (1) violate New York’s common law privilege against courthouse arrests and (2) the adoption of such a practice is arbitrary and capricious. The decision by Judge Jed Rakoff of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (SDNY) can be found [here](#).

The litigation team and plaintiffs in [Doe v. ICE](#), a parallel lawsuit being heard in front of Judge Alison J. Nathan in SDNY (attorneys from The Legal Aid Society and the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP are litigating on behalf of plaintiffs John Doe, Make the Road New York, Urban Justice Center, Sanctuary for Families, The Door, and the New York Immigration Coalition) issued the following statement:

“We commend Attorney General Tish James’ strong advocacy on behalf of New Yorkers seeking justice and all those who should have unfettered access to our courts. Today’s decision is a clear statement that our judicial system will no longer stand for brazen abductions by ICE agents, and we hope that a forthcoming decision in our parallel lawsuit reinforces that statement.”

To learn more about *Doe v. ICE*, visit The Legal Aid Society's [case page](#).

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