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Legal Aid Statement on New OCA Memo Concerning Residential Eviction Proceedings

(NEW YORK, NY) – Judith Goldiner, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement concerning a new Office of Court Administration (OCA) memo on residential eviction proceedings and the accompanying AO 231/20 issued today:

“The new memo issued today is a hollow document and changes very little. In fact, it creates more uncertainty and confusion among tenants and advocates than anything else. This is a perfect example of why we need Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie to enact a comprehensive moratorium immediately which protects all tenants regardless of circumstance indefinitely.”

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