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Legal Aid Cautions Against Phishing Phone Calls and Scam Money Requests

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society today released the following statement in response to reports that phishing phone calls and requests have been sent to family members of clients asking for money for bail:

“The Legal Aid Society never asks clients or family members for money, gift cards, or credit card information for bail, bonds, or anything else. It has come to our attention that fraudulent phishing phone calls—made typically to the grandparents of clients—are invoking the name of real Legal Aid Society attorneys, asking for loaded gift cards and other means of payment to support bail applications and the like. We caution all those who receive such emails, phone calls and messages that they are a scam and the recipient should not respond.”

You can file a claim with the NY Attorney General's Anti-Phishing Working Group at: <https://ag.ny.gov/internet/phishing-information>.

New Yorkers can also call The Legal Aid Society for assistance at 212-577-3300.

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