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Legal Aid Statement on the Passing of Justice Paul Feinman

(NEW YORK, NY) – Janet Sabel, the Chief Executive Officer and Attorney-in-Chief of The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statement on the passing of Justice Paul Feinman, Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals:

“The Legal Aid Society mourns the loss of The Honorable Paul Feinman, Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, and the first openly gay person to serve on New York's highest court. Judge Feinman, who began his legal career as a staff attorney at The Legal Aid Society, passed away today. He had retired a week ago ‘to attend to health concerns.’ Judge Feinman had served on the Court of Appeals since his Senate confirmation in June 2017. He joined the Criminal Defense Practice of The Legal Aid Society in 1985 after graduating from the University of Minnesota Law School. The passing of Judge Feinman is a tremendous loss to the judicial system and to the legal community. He served with great distinction and will be remembered for his great integrity, knowledge, and respect for all.”

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