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Legal Aid Statement in Response to Report on Deplorable Conditions at Local Courthouses as In-Person Appearances Resume Citywide

(NEW YORK, NY) - Tina Luongo, Attorney-In-Charge of the Criminal Defense Practice at The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statement in response to a [report](#) in today's *New York Daily News* on the deplorable conditions facing public defenders and their staff at local courthouses as in-person appearances resume citywide:

“These deplorable conditions are nothing new. The City has wholly failed in its commitment to keep these areas sanitary, and this failure is indicative of how administration after administration views our hard working staff and the New Yorkers that we represent, This level of incompetence is truly disgraceful, and we demand immediate action from City Hall to keep these areas clean and safe for our staff and our clients.”

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