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***Statement from Counsel for the Plaintiffs on Nunez v. City of New York et. al.***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released the following statement as counsel for the Plaintiffs on [\*Nunez v. City of New York et. al.\*](#), litigation brought in 2014 to challenge the systemic brutality by staff against people incarcerated in New York City jails:

“The ongoing violence and harm that New Yorkers suffer on Rikers Island, and the demonstrated inability of the City to manage its jails safely and competently despite years of technical assistance from an expert monitoring team, cannot be solved through business as usual. Although the Court has ordered the City to provide a plan in three weeks, we have not seen the City demonstrate the capacity to respond to this humanitarian crisis. Independent leadership with authority and willingness to enact bold, swift change, such as may be obtained through receivership, is necessary to end this quagmire.”

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