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

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released the following statement as counsel for the Plaintiffs in [*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:

“As today's state court decision holding the Department of Correction in contempt of court makes clear, this Administration's inability to staff and manage its jails puts lives in danger every single day. We have yet to see the swift, decisive action necessary to abate this harm, and the promises made today in federal court in *Nunez* are not action.”

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