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## ***Legal Aid Statement on Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day***

**(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement on Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day:

“On this sacred day of remembrance, The Legal Aid Society honors the life, teachings, and vision of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“Everything Dr. King stood for is a constant source of inspiration to our organization and the work we perform every day in courts and communities throughout New York City.

“Despite the reckoning Dr. King called for decades ago, the sad truth is that Black communities still grapple with racism, systemic oppression, and white supremacy.

“Today, we reaffirm our dedication to Dr. King’s efforts to dismantle systems of oppression, eradicate poverty, empower communities, and ensure universal equity. This moment brings hope and encouragement for all of us to become leaders for change, until we have made Dr. King’s dream a reality. Our clients and the communities we represent deserve nothing less.”

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