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## ***Legal Aid Statement on the Latest Special Report from the Monitor in Nunez v. City of New York***

(NEW YORK, NY) - Mary Lynne Werlwas, Director of the Prisoners' Rights Project at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement on the latest special [report](#) from the Monitor in *Nunez v. City of New York et. al.*, litigation concerning brutality and excessive force in New York City jails.

“The Monitor's report today confirms that excessive force in the City jails remains rampant despite nearly eight years of court ordered reform under four separate commissioners. This Administration has not only wrought horrific levels of violence in the jails, but is increasingly authoritarian in seeking to shield its abuses from judicial and public oversight. As we told the court last month, the remedial process must be placed in the hands of a trustworthy, independent entity that can do what the Department of Correction is unwilling or unable to do: achieve the court-ordered reforms before more people are injured and die.”

### **Background**

The next *Nunez v. City of New York et. al.* court conference is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 9:30 AM. Pursuant to Judge Swain's order, members of the press and the public may access the audio feed by calling 888-363-4734 and using access code 1527005# and security code 4999#.

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