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Statement from Counsel for Plaintiffs 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 in response to today's court conference in *Nunez v. City of New York et. al.*, litigation concerning brutality and excessive force in New York City jails.

“Since the consent judgment went into effect more than eight years ago, the humanitarian crisis plaguing City jails has only worsened, and only independent authority in the form of a receiver can secure the progress that two administrations, multiple Correction commissioners, countless recommendations from the *Nunez* Monitor, remedial orders and, most recently, the Adams Administration's ‘Action Plan’ have all failed to achieve. We look forward to demonstrating the urgent need for the appointment of a receiver to protect our incarcerated clients’ safety, well-being and constitutional rights.”

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