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**NCLEJ, Legal Aid to Deliver Oral Arguments in Class Lawsuit
Against NYSDOL on Behalf of 24-Hour Homecare Workers**

*Lawyers Will Be Joined by Nearly 100 Homecare Workers Protesting for Fair
Wages and Fair Working Conditions*

Albany, NY – On Tuesday, August 13, lawyers from the **National Center for Law and Economic Justice** and **The Legal Aid Society** will deliver Oral Arguments in [*Chen et al. v. Reardon*](#), a class action lawsuit that seeks to reopen a years-long New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) investigation into the stolen wages of 24-hour homecare workers. They will be joined by approximately 100 homecare workers represented by the lawsuit to protest NYSDOL’s arbitrary decision to close the cases and demand restitution for unpaid work, fair wages, and fair working conditions.

WHAT: Oral Arguments in class action lawsuit [*Chen et al. v. Reardon*](#)

WHEN: Tuesday, August 13, 2:00 PM

WHERE: Albany County Courthouse, 16 Eagle Street, Albany, NY 12207

WHO: National Center for Law and Economic Justice, The Legal Aid Society, and 24-hour homecare workers

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The National Center for Law and Economic Justice is a legal services nonprofit organization that advances racial and economic justice for low-income families, individuals, and communities

across the country through ground-breaking impact litigation, policy advocacy, and support for grassroots organizing. Founded in 1965, NCLEJ fights to protect access to critical benefits like food stamps, Medicaid, and childcare, protects low-wage workers' rights and safety, advocates for the rights of people with disabilities, and fights unlawful debt collection.

The Legal Aid Society exists for one simple yet powerful reason: to ensure that New Yorkers are not denied their right to equal justice because of poverty. For nearly 150 years, they have protected, defended, and advocated for those who have struggled in silence for far too long. Every day, in every borough, *The Legal Aid Society* changes the lives of their clients and helps improve their communities.