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Legal Aid Reaches Tentative Contract Agreement With ALAA–UAW Local 2325

(NEW YORK, NY) — Twyla Carter, Attorney-in-Chief and Chief Executive Officer of The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statement announcing a tentative contract agreement with the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys – UAW Local 2325 (ALAA):

“We are pleased to announce that The Legal Aid Society and ALAA have reached a tentative agreement on a renewal collective bargaining agreement that avoids a work stoppage and allows our invaluable staff attorneys to continue serving low-income New Yorkers — on a wide range of essential legal matters — without interruption. The tentative agreement requires ratification by the full Legal Aid ALAA attorney membership.

“Across the five boroughs, staff attorneys — alongside our entire team at Legal Aid — devote themselves each day to delivering vital legal services to vulnerable New Yorkers. But for too long, their pay has not reflected the complexity or importance of their work — the result of decades of underfunding by State and City government.

“While today’s development represents meaningful progress, we know that ensuring fair compensation and lasting support for our mission will require sustained investment from both Albany and City Hall. We look forward to partnering with ALAA as a united front in the fight to secure the resources that both honor the vital contributions of our staff attorneys and support the long-term sustainability of a career at Legal Aid.”

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The Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit organization that 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, we 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 the people we serve and helps improve our communities.

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