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Legal Aid and Emery Celli Respond to Court Order Defining the Manager Role Over the City's Jail System

(NEW YORK, NY) — Mary Lynne Werlwas, Director of the Prisoners' Rights Project at The Legal Aid Society, and Debbie Greenberger, Partner at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady Ward & Maazel LLP, issued the following joint statement in response to a [court order](#) defining a Remediation Manager for the City's jail system:

"Today's order defining the role of a Remediation Manager over the City's jail system is a historic step toward correcting the egregious constitutional violations that incarcerated New Yorkers continue to suffer each day in New York City jails. It reflects the court's recognition that incremental measures and past promises have failed to produce the systemic change required to protect basic rights and human dignity.

"This decision represents a genuine opportunity to address dangerous problems that the City has failed to cure across multiple administrations, multiple commissioners, and multiple court orders.

"We hope a Remediation Manager is swiftly appointed, and we urge the incoming Mamdani Administration to embrace this moment and work collaboratively with all parties to finally deliver the meaningful improvements New Yorkers need and deserve."

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