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Landmark Bridges and Buildings Across New York State to Be Illuminated Green and White in Honor of The Legal Aid Society's 150th Anniversary

NYS Education Building, Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, H. Carl McCall SUNY Building, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge, and David N. Dinkins Manhattan Municipal Building Will Light Up to Celebrate Legal Aid's Long History Serving Low-Income New Yorkers

(NEW YORK, NY) — **The Legal Aid Society** today announced that iconic landmark bridges and buildings across New York State – including the New York State Education Building, the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, the H. Carl McCall SUNY Building, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge, and the David N. Dinkins Manhattan Municipal Building – will be illuminated in honor of the organization's 150th anniversary.

The landmarks will be lit with Legal Aid's signature green and white colors to celebrate the organization's century-and-a-half-long history serving low-income New Yorkers and delivering justice to individuals and communities throughout the state.

"We are deeply honored by these lighting displays, which celebrate Legal Aid's 150-year legacy, as well as the invaluable attorneys and staff whose dedication has sustained the critical work of our organization for a century and a half," said **Twyla Carter, Attorney-in-Chief and CEO of The Legal Aid Society**. "These tributes highlight not only our roots in New York City, but the breadth, depth, and reach of our advocacy across the state, underscoring that our fight for low-income and marginalized communities extends far beyond the five boroughs. We are grateful to these landmarks for joining us in celebration of this milestone and remain steadfast in our commitment to reimagining justice for all New Yorkers."

Lighting Locations and Details

- The New York State Education Building, located at 89 Washington Ave. in Albany, New York, will be illuminated approximately 30 minutes after sunset tonight, Friday, March 6.
- The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge, located at 475 U.S. 44 55 in Poughkeepsie, New York, will be illuminated at sunset tonight, Friday, March 6, and will run until 30 minutes after sunrise March 7.

- The H. Carl McCall SUNY Building, located at 353 Broadway in Albany, New York, will be illuminated approximately 30 minutes after sunset on Sunday, March 8.
- The Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, which can be viewed from Pierson Park at 238 W Main St. in Tarrytown, New York or from Losee Park at 238 Green St. in Tarrytown, New York, will be illuminated from 6:30-11 p.m. on Sunday, March 8.
- The David N. Dinkins Manhattan Municipal Building, located at 1 Centre St in New York City, will be illuminated approximately 30 minutes before sunset on Sunday, March 8.

Background

Founded in 1876 as the German Legal Aid Society, the organization began as the nation's first legal office dedicated to serving low-income individuals who otherwise had no access to a lawyer. In its first year, Legal Aid handled 212 cases, primarily assisting German immigrants in New York City — laying the foundation for what would become an enduring movement for equal justice.

As New York City grew and evolved, so did The Legal Aid Society. For 150 years, the organization has adapted to serve new communities while driving systemic reforms to meet the changing needs of low-income New Yorkers.

Today, Legal Aid's work benefits more than 2 million low-income individuals, families, and households across the five boroughs facing challenges related to the criminal, civil, and juvenile legal systems, housing instability, immigration, employment, healthcare, education, government benefits, and more every year.

Through impact litigation, direct representation, and policy advocacy, The Legal Aid Society fights not only for impacted people, but also for lasting structural change that expands rights, protections, and opportunities for all New Yorkers.

From its defense of incarcerated people during the Attica Uprising, to its role in the landmark Willowbrook State School litigation, to decades of advocacy for unhoused families and people detained at Rikers Island, Legal Aid's history is deeply intertwined with the defining civil rights struggles of New York City.

For 150 years — and counting — The Legal Aid Society has been, and remains, a powerful force for justice.

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The Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit law firm 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 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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