

THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14**

October 25, 1994

## TERMINATION OF CONTRACT WITH THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY FOR REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT DEFENDANTS

WHEREAS, on September 6, 1966 the City of New York and the Legal Aid Society entered into an agreement for the provision of representation of indigent defendants in criminal proceedings ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 1994 the City terminated the Agreement; and the Legal Aid Society subsequently questioned such termination; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph Eleventh of the Agreement provides that the Agreement "may be terminated by the City, acting by executive order of the Mayor, ... by service by certified mail of a notice of termination effective ninety (90) days after such service;" and

WHEREAS, I have determined that it is in the best interest of the City to exercise its right under Paragraph Eleventh of the Agreement to give notice, and to use the ninety day period to negotiate with the Legal Aid Society, with the purpose of reaching agreement upon modifications to the Agreement that will ensure the continuous provision of constitutionally mandated services to indigent criminal defendants, and will contain important fiscal, programmatic and professional responsibility protections for the City that are lacking in the current Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is my intention to revoke the termination of the Agreement and to rescind this Notice if the City and the Legal Aid Society reach agreement upon such modifications:

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Notice is hereby given of the termination of Agreement, effective ninety days from the date of service of this Executive Order.

Section 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Rudolph W. Gjuliani

Mayor