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Announcing Sarah Nolan as Family Legal Care's New CEO

Family Legal Care is thrilled to announce that Sarah Nolan will join us as our next Chief Executive Officer, beginning July 28, 2025. Sarah succeeds our beloved leader Cathy Cramer, who has led the organization with heart, vision, and fierce commitment for the past eight and a half years. Cathy's impact on our work and the families we serve is immeasurable, and we're deeply grateful for her leadership.

Sarah comes to Family Legal Care following a career dedicated to expanding access to justice, and she brings both strategic insight and a deep commitment to client-centered legal services —especially for children and families. Most recently, she served as Managing Director of the New York office of Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), where she led a large legal team supporting unaccompanied immigrant children. She has also launched and led collaborative legal programs including as the first Legal Director for the New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children, and as a supervising attorney at LegalHealth, a division of NYLAG. Earlier in her career, Sarah worked as a consultant to the NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, a litigator at Paul Weiss, and as an immigration attorney representing youth. Sarah holds a J.D. from NYU Law School, and a B.A. from Dartmouth College.

Sarah expressed, "I am excited to join the team at Family Legal Care. My career reflects my passion for creating and sustaining programs that help youth and families access the justice system. Family Legal Care is a clear leader in this space with its innovative model of providing assistance to pro se litigants while advocating for systemic reform. Family Legal Care helps thousands of New Yorkers resolve family law matters with dignity every year, and I am honored to build on the outstanding work of Cathy Cramer, the staff and the Board of Directors to lead Family Legal Care into the future."

The Chair of the Family Legal Care's Board of Directors, Gabriella Nawi, noted: "Sarah's the kind of leader who listens deeply, thinks strategically, and acts with purpose. She's spent her entire career standing up for kids and families, and we're confident she'll carry Family Legal Care's mission forward with passion and vision."

We are deeply grateful to the Search Committee and everyone who played a role in the search process that has brought Sarah to Family Legal Care. A heartfelt thank you to Cathy Cramer for successfully leading Family Legal Care through growth and change and having such a positive impact on the fulfillment of our mission.