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## By ECF

The Honorable Paul A. Crotty United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St. New York, NY 10007

RE: Upsolve, Inc. v. James, 22-CV-627 (PAC)

Dear Judge Crotty:

This Office represents the Attorney General in the above-captioned case. I write to respond to the Court's request that the parties "file letters by March 18, 2022 containing suggested independent third parties, if any, who should be asked to file briefs regarding the legal and practical effects of applying New York's Unauthorized Practice of Law rules to the proposed activities at issue" in this lawsuit. ECF 36.

The Attorney General respectfully submits that the following third parties may have views on this question that could assist the Court:

(1) New York State Courts Access to Justice Program

c/o Hon. Edwina Mendelson Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Office for Justice Initiatives 111 Centre Street New York, NY 10013 (646) 386-3200

The Attorney General understands that the NYS Access to Justice Program operates the Civil Legal Advice and Resource Office ("CLARO"), which, according to CLARO's website, offers "limited legal advice to low-income New Yorkers being sued by debt collectors."

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(2) Mobilization for Justice 100 William Street, 6th Floor New York, NY 10038 (212) 417-3700

The Attorney General understands that Mobilization for Justice provides civil legal services to poor and low income New Yorkers, including on matters relating to debt collection.

## (3) Manhattan Legal Services

1 West 125th Street 2nd Floor New York, NY 10027 (646) 442-3100

The Attorney General understands that Manhattan Legal Services provides civil legal services to poor and low income New Yorkers, including on matters relating to debt collection.

(4) Brooklyn Legal Services 105 Court Street, 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 237-5500

The Attorney General understands that Brooklyn Legal Services provides civil legal services to poor and low income New Yorkers, including on matters relating to debt collection.

(5) Bronx Legal Services 349 East 149th St. 10th Floor Bronx, NY 10451 718-928-3700

The Attorney General understands that Bronx Legal Services provides civil legal services to poor and low income New Yorkers, including on matters relating to debt collection.

(6) Queens Legal Services 89-00 Sutphin Blvd., 5th Floor Jamaica, NY 11435 (347) 592-2200

The Attorney General understands that Queens Legal Services provides civil legal services to poor and low income New Yorkers, including on matters relating to debt collection.

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Respectfully submitted,

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