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**NEWS RELEASE**

**HMGDJ ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY RONALD LANGUEDOC NAMED TO THE  
HOUSING COURT COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY  
OF NEW YORK**

In September 2014, HMGDJ Associate Attorney Ronald Languedoc joined the Housing Court Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Ron has been a practicing attorney in the area of housing law and real estate litigation since 1982. He received his B.A. from Middlebury College in 1978, and he received his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1981. He is admitted to the bar in New York and in the U.S. District Courts of the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. From 1981 to 1983, he worked as a Court Attorney with the Civil Court of the City of New York. From 1983 to 1989, he practiced as a housing attorney at DC 37 MELS. From 1989 to 1991, he was a senior associate at the firm of David Rozenholc & Associates, where he worked in real estate and commercial litigation. In 1991, Mr. Languedoc joined South Brooklyn Legal Services as a housing attorney, where he remained until June 2008. In 2004, Chief Judge Judith Kaye presented him with the Legal Services Award from the Bar Association of the City of New York. In 2007, Mayor Michael Bloomberg appointed him to the New York City Rent Guidelines Board as a Tenant Member. Mr. Languedoc has lectured on landlord-tenant law throughout New York City, and many of the decisions in his cases have been published.

The Housing Court Committee focuses on landlord-tenant law, the structure and function of the New York City Housing Court, as well as any issues concerning users -

both attorneys and litigants pro-se. The Committee also participates in the Judiciary Committee's evaluation of candidates for the Housing Court

The Committee is planning several initiatives for 2014-1015, including:

- A report on Housing Court in light of its 40th Anniversary last year: its history, evolution, and its future.
- CLE for practitioners, as well as lunch trainings for the public and practitioners
- Community outreach - meetings with the community organized in cooperation with local government to help explain issues pertaining both to tenants' rights and/or obligations and court procedure for small landlords
- Redesigning holdover and non-payment forms and instructions offered by the Help Centers to self-representing litigants so as to make them more intuitive and user-friendly
- Mock trial for area middle schools.
- Guest speakers for extended discussions on current and ongoing issues
- Monthly newsletter containing Landlord/Tenant law updates, articles, news from the Courthouses in all five boroughs and committee's activities

Ron will bring both his vast experience and knowledge and a welcome tenant-advocate perspective to the Committee.