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**HMGDJ ATTORNEY RONALD LANGUEDOC PART OF THE TEAM THAT  
NEGOTIATED ATLANTIC YARDS SETTLEMENT**

On June 27, 2014, Brooklyn community groups and individuals fighting for affordable housing and accountability at the Atlantic Yards Project made a significant step forward. As widely reported by the media, these advocates negotiated an agreement which greatly accelerates the construction of affordable housing at Atlantic Yards. The community groups were about to file a major Fair Housing lawsuit in federal court against the developer, Forest City Ratner, and the governing state authorities, when the deal was reached. Ronald Languedoc, an HMGDJ associate and a board member of Pratt Area Community Council, was part of the team that prepared to file the housing discrimination lawsuit, and he also worked on the negotiation of the settlement agreement. Under the agreement, construction of the first 600 affordable units will begin by next year, with the deadline for completion of all 2,250 units set for 2025, and a new oversight board will be established.