

David Fleischer in Bloomberg Big Law Business: Haynes and Boone Helps Tenant Lawyers in N.Y. Anti-Eviction Fight

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Bloomberg Big Law Business talked with Haynes Boone Senior Counsel [David Fleischer](#) about the firm's efforts to help New York City roll out its first-in-the-nation program to provide free legal counsel to indigents facing eviction.

Here are excerpts:

Senior Counsel David Fleischer has teamed with David Ratner, a tenant lawyer with 30 years of experience at Hartman, Ule, Rose & Ratner, to guide more than two dozen attorneys at CAMBA, a Brooklyn-based legal aid provider.

"Our goal is to provide lawyers with complete confidence in trying such cases. We are trying to give them a road map for what they can expect at trial," Fleischer said.

Fleischer and Ratner initially offered to mentor legal aid lawyers in housing court, but later decided that a training program was more useful because New York landlord-tenant law is complex. Also, new housing lawyers are facing highly practiced attorneys with regular experience representing building and apartment owners in court proceedings.

Fleischer and Ratner put together a 24-page program outlining the specifics of how to prepare and carry out a tenant defense in court, from collecting documents and preparing witnesses to [offering] tips about how to deal with a "bad" judge.

"The goal is to level the playing field for tenants in housing court," Fleischer said.

Claunick Duronville, a CAMBA staff attorney, took the first training session in August. Duronville said Fleischer and Ratner "gave a very explicit structure for how to go about developing a theory of the case then following through on things like preparing and writing motions. You don't learn those things in law school."

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