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**Lewis Tesser to Receive Jack Newton Lerner Award
for Outstanding Contributions to Continuing Legal Education**

September 6, 2017 New York, New York – The New York County Lawyers Association will present the Jack Newton Lerner Award for Excellence in Continuing Legal Education to Lewis Tesser at a luncheon during the Jack Newton Lerner Landlord Tenant Practice Institute on Friday, September 15. The award will be presented by NYCLA President-elect Stephen Lessard.

Lewis Tesser is a frequent Program Chair for Continuing Legal Education programs at NYCLA. As past Director of NYCLA's Ethics Institute, he worked tirelessly in developing programs focusing on how practitioners can deal with common ethical problems arising in different practice areas of the law. He has also trained thousands of newly admitted attorneys at Bridge the Gap programs in what they need to know about ethics and civility when practicing law in New York State. His most recent program will be conducted next week focusing on Dealing with Clients and Clients' Interests.

Mr. Tesser, who was admitted to practice in 1971, is a 1970 Honors graduate from the National Law Center, George Washington University, a Masters graduate from the Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania (1974) and a graduate of the Harvard Law School Program of Instruction for Lawyers. He is a senior partner in the New York law firm of Tesser, Ryan & Rochman, LLP, concentrating his practice in litigation and mediation, representing licensed professionals and professional practices, administrative law and commercial law. Prior to private practice, Mr. Tesser was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York. In that capacity, he represented various agencies of the United States government in litigation in the United States District Court and United States Court of Appeals. Mr. Tesser also served as a Judge Advocate in the United States Army where he prosecuted and defended criminal cases and was the

chief legal advisor to the Commanding General of the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He also has served as an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, New York City Civil Court, and a Judge for the Environmental Control Board of the City of New York.

Mr. Tesser's passion for imparting knowledge to practicing attorneys is evident not only in his lectures at NYCLA and other Bar Associations and law schools in the New York area, but also in his dedication and service to the legal profession as a whole. He is a former President of NYCLA and remains an active and dedicated member of the Association. He is a former Board Member of NYCLA's Mentoring Program, former Chair of the General Practice Section of the New York State Bar Association and Editor-In-Chief of NYCLA's publication, "The New York Rules of Professional Conduct Annotated" published by Oxford University Press, New York. He is also a past President of Congregation Sons of Israel, Nyack, NY.

The Jack Newton Lerner Award was established by Jack Newton Lerner, an active and respected member of the New York County Lawyers Association for more than 50 years, serving as a member of its Council, who was recognized as the "dean" of Landlord/Tenant practice. Mr. Lerner was the first recipient of the award. He served as Chair of the Committee on the Civil Court and was a longtime member of the Committee on the Supreme Court. He was a Continuing Legal Education faculty member for more than two decades, lecturing on the Landlord/Tenant segment of the General Practice for the Newly Admitted Attorney course and the course on Landlord/Tenant Litigation, which are now named The Jack Newton Lerner Landlord/Tenant Practice Institute in his honor.

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