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Commissioner

New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal
Office of Rent Administration
Gertz Plaza
92-31 Union Hall Street
Jamaica, NY 11433

May 18, 2009

Your letter of March 31, 2009 to Deputy Commissioner Torres has been forwarded to the undersigned for reply.

You explain that you believe that a current tenant has not succeeded to her father as a rent controlled tenant. Her father was a successor to such tenant's grandmother. You state that the tenant has not provided any information, including when she moved into the subject apartment.

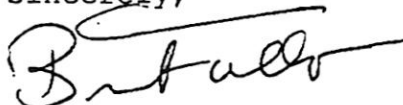
You request legal advice in this matter. Please note that while DHCR cannot provide legal advice, we can state that the rent control regulations do not limit the number of successors to an apartment to one.

However, you can request that an Administrative Determination (AD) proceeding be commenced. Please address such request as follows: Director, Owner Individual Unit, DHCR/ORR, Gertz Plaza, 92-31 Union Hall St., Jamaica, NY 11433, to request that an AD proceeding be commenced and include an affidavit (your signed and notarized statement) detailing the relevant data about the apartment and building, which should also include the name and address of the tenant so that DHCR may serve that party with your request.

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I trust that I have answered your questions as fully as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Falbo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce Falbo
Bureau Chief
Rent Information Bureau

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