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## ODE TO JUDGE LEON D. LAZER

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Honorable Lazer, Leon D.  
We're As Proud As We Can Be  
Appellate Division Jurist  
Integrity the Purist  
Jury Instructions Pattern Chair  
New Edition Year to Year

T'was Back Around 1989  
He Rode Right Through  
A Special Moment in Time

He said, "Now give me a Course;"  
"I Can Be a Major Force."  
He Got Torts One and Torts Two  
His Stature Quickly Grew  
When Land Use Came His Way  
Students Clamored to Hear  
What the Judge Had to Say

Became Dean of CLE  
Got Unlucky As Can Be  
You Know What I Mean  
Got Stuck Working With Me

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So This is the Story  
Of Supreme Court Review  
Started Quite Slowly  
The Audience Just a Few

The Two of Us Bickered  
Verbal Blow Verbal Blow  
But By Hook or By Crook  
We Put On Quite A Show  
And Poor Hakimi, Barbara  
Got Caught In The Flow

And All These Years Later  
We Still Disagree  
No Way to Stop The Judge  
From Fighting With Me  
But That's How Touro Got  
Great CLE

He's Been A Great Colleague  
He's Been A Great Friend  
Loves The New York Mets  
But Wisely Holds His Bets  
Wille Mays, Say Hey  
Watched Him Play at Shea  
The Man is So Loyal  
What More Can I Say

Honorable Leon D. Lazer  
What a Great Teacher  
What A Great Guy  
Touro's Been Lucky  
And, Of Course,  
So Have I

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As We Can Be.