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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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