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Dean Howard A. Glickstein:

I would like to welcome you to Touro's Institute of Local and Suburban Law, Second Annual Conference on The Supreme Court and Local Government Law. Our program last year was extremely successful. The proceedings were published in an issue in the Touro Law Review, and that will happen again this year. I think we are dealing with a topic that is of a great national interest and local interest. Fortunately, last year and again this year, we have put together a magnificent panel. I do not think a panel of this quality could be assembled anywhere in the country and I can assure you that you are in for a very stimulating day.

The Director of our Institute is Judge Leon Lazer. Judge Lazer, as many of you know, was a distinguished member of the New York State Appellate Division, Second Department,

for many years. He is regarded as one of the country's leading experts in the area of Local and Municipal Law.

I would like to present to you Judge Leon Lazer.

Judge Leon Lazer:

Before we start, I want to introduce our questioning panel member, one of the outstanding professors that we have at this law school, and one of the people that you see regularly on television as a constitutional commentator, Professor Gary Shaw of Touro Law School. We will, at the conclusion of each segment, have Professor Shaw ask some penetrating questions, and then we will accept further questions from the audience.