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*Hon. Leon D. Lazer:*

Good morning. Welcome to the 11th Annual Touro Conference on the holdings, decisions, and opinions of the United States Supreme Court in the prior term. The Supreme Court convenes in October of each year and each October we hold this conference

The leadoff speaker for this eleventh annual conference on the Supreme Court decisions of the prior term is now traditionally Professor Martin Schwartz of Touro Law School. He is a nationally recognized authority in the field of Section 1983 Litigation, if we can call it a field. He is also the author and co-author of two books; *Section 1983 Litigation Claims, Defenses and Fees*, and another volume *Section 1983 Litigation Federal Evidence*. His work has been cited by the United States Supreme Court in its decisions, and it is now my pleasure to introduce him to discuss the cases of the last term. Professor Schwartz.

