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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

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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