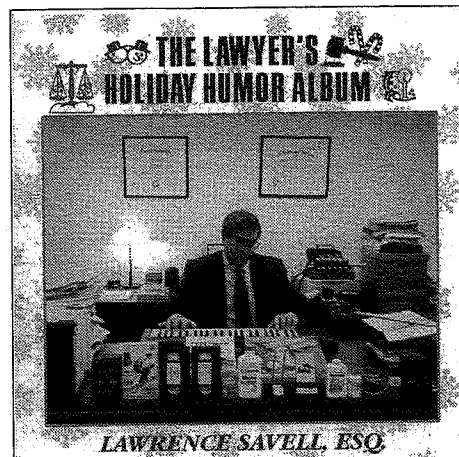


VOIR DIRE

BY GAIL DIANE COX



THE CD: *This year, a synthesizer.*

Holiday Humor II

SO HOW'S YOUR tolerance for holiday music that rhymes "Prancer and Dancer" with "revenue enhancer"?

Five years after he debuted a CD called "The Lawyer's Holiday Humor Album," Chadbourne & Parke's Lawrence Savell has come out with an update. He's got more sophisticated backup of the synthesizer variety, but he's kept that ching-ching-ching that may or may not be a length of sleigh bells. His lyrics continue to bemoan how tough it is to be a workaholic—Santa in a red pinstriped suit tells him that he left the office one night before 6 p.m. and so his bonus is going to somebody at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom—and his voice remains a likeable, light baritone that goes a tad flat only when he tries to get fancy on us.

Savell, who defends products liability cases and styles himself a frustrated musician, said it all started with his entertaining friends and relatives. The firm has certainly been supportive: Clients have received the discs as holiday gifts. And he reports that his new sons, aged 1 and 2, show their approval by drifting right off to the tunes. Among the songs in the expanded CD is "Rainmaker Reindeer," which Savell describes as an homage to the Beach Boys. "I know the same three chords as they do," he said. **NLJ**