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Law & Order: Holiday tunes unit

Croton-on-Hudson lawyer releases his third music CD

Attorney Lawrence Savell has heard all the jokes disparaging his profession and wants to use his musical ability to show people lawyers have a sense of humor.

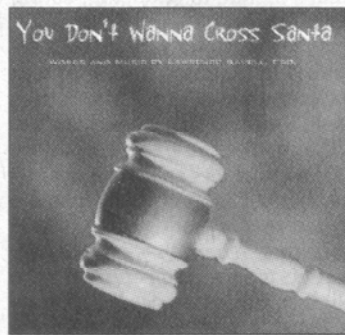
Savell, a Croton-on-Hudson resident who defends companies sued for product liability, has released his third compact disc of humorous holiday songs that poke fun at lawyers and the legal profession. The CD, called "You Don't Wanna Cross Santa" (Cross refers to cross examine), is named for its lead song. The disc also includes another song called "Billin' on Christmas Eve."

"It's a message to the public that lawyers, despite the stereotypes, are not humorless people," he said. "They can actually poke fun at themselves. That's different from the popular perception, which is of these people who have no sense of humor and very full of themselves. I'm trying to pierce that impression a little bit."

The song "You Don't Wanna Cross Santa" is a bouncy tune about a lawyer who defends a client whose splintery roof caused an injury to one of Santa's reindeer. The lawyer learns the risk of an aggressive cross-examination of the big bearded man in the red suit.

"They say you gotta be good if you want that toy," Savell sings. "The last thing is Santa you want to annoy. You don't wanna cross Santa on the witness stand. Don't cross Santa. You gotta understand that an exam giving him the third degree gives you a lump of coal beneath your tree."

The song says the case ended



Lawrence Savell

with the jury hung like mistletoe. Savell, 48, who has turned part of his house into a recording studio, and who uses a computer, said he sold more than 1,000 copies of his first two CD's, "Legal Holiday" and "The Lawyer's Holiday Humor Album."

He got an email yesterday from a company in South Africa interested in buying the three-CD set. On Wednesday, he got an e-mail from a law firm in San Francisco that wanted to play one of his songs, "Let 'Em Sue," at its annual holiday party. The name "Let 'Em Sue" is a parody of "Let it Snow."

He said he wants the songs to be easily understood by people who are not lawyers and don't have much contact with lawyers. For instance, he thinks the story of lawyers working late on Christmas Eve is one anyone who makes sacrifices for their career can understand.

The CDs are available at his Web site (www.lawtunes.com).

