



Holiday Album Is Strictly Legal

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If you are a lawyer who has felt underrepresented in the holiday music repertoire, your day has come: Lawrence Savell — aka The Lawtunes — has just the album for you.

Savell, a Manhattan-based litigation attorney, has composed, performed and produced a 15-track album of “allegedly humorous, lawyer-created holiday songs.” The album, called “Merry Lexmas from the Lawtunes,” is funny in a quirky, profession-specific kind of way, and reflects one attorney’s playful and self-deprecating experimentation with do-it-yourself music software and admittedly limited musical ability.

“I get tremendous pleasure out of doing this,” Savell said. “And I think it’s a positive thing in terms of people’s view of lawyers — that we’re all so stuffy and dull. To actually have someone who makes fun of himself or herself — who knows a lawyer who does that?”

With titles such as “Another Billable Christmas,” “Hey, Santa, I Appeal” and “I Got a Footnote In My Stocking,” the album covers topics “including but not limited to” ridiculous hours, client relations, the adversarial system, the art of negotiating, legal reasoning and arguing, cross-examination and year-end bonuses.

Savell’s musical journey began in college when he performed parodies at his University of Michigan Law School talent shows. He then brought the parodies to his Manhattan law firm, where they were well received, so he decided to record and sell the music.

“People really liked it, they weren’t offended by it, and they could identify with what I was saying,” Savell said.

Three albums later (the previous two being “The Lawyer’s Holiday Humor Album” and “Legal Holidaze”), 1,000 copies have been sold, and Savell has ambitions of more to come — perhaps a surf album, because of his love of the Beach Boys, and a children’s album, because of that audience’s affinity for his simplistic melodies.

Savell is hoping his music will be considered as a holiday gift or party giveaway for lawyers, law students, law professors and law office/department personnel.

“It’s been positively received, to my tremendous amazement,” Savell said.

For more information, visit www.lawtunes.com.

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