

Gentleman, Scholar, Editor, Wizard

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Lazar Emanuel was truly a gentleman and a scholar. He founded the *New York Professional Responsibility Report* nearly 14 years ago and, together with Hofstra Law Professor Roy D. Simon, assiduously cultivated a deep roster of contributors, academics and ethics practitioners.

In the beginning, like a modern day wizard, Lazar worked the phones, sometimes on a daily basis, persuading busy lawyers and law professors to write articles for *NYPRR*. He was gentle and encouraging with his authors. “Can you get me a piece for next month’s edition?” was a typical conversation opener. He was persistent when deadlines loomed and an avid and highly effective editor.

A man of many talents and highly varied interests, Lazar was intent on creating a high-caliber, “must have” publication for New York lawyers interested in the law of lawyering. And, largely because of his indefatigable charm and determination, he succeeded brilliantly.

NYPRR, long an insider’s publication, became required reading for ethics lawyers, among others, and has been consistently interesting, topical and substantive. Along with many other colleagues, I will greatly miss Lazar Emanuel, whose sprightly manner, gentle good humor, and distinguished presence are rarely equaled.

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