

He Treated Others with Respect

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When I shared my sadness over Lazar's passing with one of my colleagues, he responded: "That guy was always easy to deal with. Old school." By that, he meant "old school" in a good way, somebody who treated others with respect, who knew how to prod gently to get what he wanted, and who viewed lawyers (and the law itself) as a profession, not a business. As publisher, editor, writer and chief-cook-and-bottlewasher of *NYPRR*, he provided professional responsibility lawyers with more than just a newsletter. Lazar gave us a place to formulate our thoughts, exchange ideas, learn new things, and market our practices – a place to grow as lawyers, professionals and ethics experts. For me, he was a thoughtful and gentle editor who always made my work better. I will miss his warmth, his wit and his generous support. May he rest in peace.

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