

## He Was Absolutely Devoted to His Wife and Family

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I first met Lazar Emanuel in 2005 when I was looking to relocate my office. While the space he showed me in his suite in Larchmont was perfect for my solo practice, Lazar himself was the overriding reason I decided to move there.

We spent at least an hour talking when we first met and perhaps only five minutes was devoted to the space. Lazar had the rare ability to speak with anyone about anything, and to make those around him feel like they were the most important people in the world. Lazar was the embodiment of the qualities we so admire. He was fiercely loyal to his family, friends, colleagues, clients and employees. His intellectual curiosity was non-stop, as was his entrepreneurial interest. His ability to grasp complex aspects of legal ethics and technology, and to then explain them in just a few words was, in short, extraordinary.

He was also quite the diplomat. No matter how much he disagreed with someone's beliefs, he never dismissed them out of hand. Yet despite Lazar's numerous successes in law, ethics, broadcasting, and publishing (to name just a few), the single quality that best defined Lazar was his absolute devotion to his wife Judy and their family.

Someone like Lazar does not come around often. We were blessed to have had him in our lives, and are blessed that his spirit lives on in each of us his life touched.

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