

He Was Energetic, Intelligent, and Wholly Decent

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I was very saddened to hear that Lazar Emanuel passed away. Lazar was not a social acquaintance, but I knew and respected him professionally for many years. Energetic, highly intelligent, wholly decent, and a self-taught ethicist, Lazar almost single-handedly—I say “almost,” because I know that Roy Simon was a guiding force and collaborator on the project from the outset – instituted and ran *NYPRR* for more than 13 years. During that time, he would frequently ask me to contribute an article, which I grudgingly did on occasion, but only because it was hard to say “no” to Lazar.

When too few of us were able to commit the time and effort required to sustain the journal, Roy and Lazar somehow kept it going, to the great benefit of the entire ethics (and legal) community.

I will always remember the last, sad communication I had with Lazar, wherein, because he was no longer physically or financially able to carry on, he asked whether I had any ideas about how this enterprise could be saved. Regrettably, I had none. Nonetheless, *NYPRR* lives on, along with my very fond memories of Lazar, as an excellent model of what great lawyering, and great legal writing, is about.

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