



## Law Blog Lawyer of the Day: Chadbourne's Lawrence Savell

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"[1] [Merry Lexmas From the Lawtunes](#)" is the latest CD from [2] [Lawrence Savell](#), a Chadbourne & Parke litigator by day and rocker by night. Over the past decade, in between drafting interrogatories and taking depositions, Savell has released three "Lawyer-Created Law-Related Rock-and-Roll Holiday" records (the two others: 1998's Legal Holiday and 2004's The Lawyer's Holiday Humor Album).

Twenty-five years ago, Savell joined Chadbourne's New York office straight out of Michigan Law School and never left. The seeds of his crooning career were sown in law school, where he performed in what he calls the school's "annual alleged 'talent show.'" Then, as a young lawyer at Chadbourne, he sang at a firm holiday party and was urged by colleagues to cut a record. The rest, as they say, is rock 'n roll history.

Though he's a one-man show, Savell playfully lists his fictional bandmates in the CD's liner notes, among them Nicholas "Prosser on" Tortolli and Maxwell "Max" Billings. There's also, of course, the fanciful song titles, such as "I Got A Footnote In My Stocking" and "Livin' Life in Six Minutes." And the lyrics are the real highlight, so much so that we're going to feature them in subsequent posts this afternoon.

As for Savell's singing, let's just say his lyrics are terrific and leave it at that. Truth be told, we had difficulty making it through the whole album, if only because the Law Blog's girlfriend threatened to end our relationship unless we turned it off. But the Law Blog appreciates passion and self-deprecation, and Savell has both those qualities in spades.

"I'm such a lousy singer it takes a lot of takes to make something palatable," says the 49-year-old Brooklyn native. "But it's a labor of love." Savell adds that he enjoys writing about things others can identify with: "If I can put some voice to what everyone in the profession experiences, I think it can have a cathartic effect or, at least, everyone knows they're not alone."

The other day, Savell received a *sui generis* request: A woman from New Jersey called him and asked if she could buy his \$18 CD in person. Savell, who guessed she probably wanted to guarantee she had the album by Christmas, agreed to meet her in the lobby of 30 Rock, where Chadbourne's offices are located. When she arrived she asked Savell, "I've come all the way from Jersey, can you give me a break?"

Basking in the glow of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, Savell caved. "In the spirit of the holidays I gave it to her for \$15." Besides, he added, "I don't have any groupies, and this was as close as I've ever come to having one."

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