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To Whom It May Concern:

On October 2, 2008, I and over a hundred Judges of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction were subjected to three days of required schooling. Suffice it to say, by the third day we had tired of listening and sitting.

The last day of the session, in the afternoon, was scheduled *Clarence Darrow's Judicial Perspective* program starring a fellow named Gary Anderson. I and three others had been asked to read the parts of several famous judges during Darrow's career. I suspect we all feared a long and perhaps tedious afternoon.

We were wrong. *Very* wrong.

The cases he spoke of were an important part of the judicial and social fabric of the country. We learned of the history and courtroom styles of these judges and appreciated the tremendous pressure and stress, and its effect on each judge and their legacy.

Mr. Anderson was terrific and his passion for his presentation was compelling.

I had a wonderful time not just acting in the role of Judge Caverly, from the Leopold and Loeb Trial, but also *watching* his Judicial Perspective program. And the longer it went on, quite frankly, the more I was genuinely impressed by the passion that was present in this work and about the judges we were representing.

The historical perspective was great fun. The drama of it was great fun. I had a great time. We all had a great time. The standing ovation from the 'cranky old fart judges' is some indication of how much we appreciated the program and Mr. Anderson's work.

If I can help in any way, just let me know. Call me if you wish. Take advantage of this program.

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