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## Judge Lunn is invited

Dear Judge Lunn,

I got a chance to reread your column from a few months ago, where you address a comment I made in my column, where I mentioned that sometimes meeting the deadlines for my column are a problem.

Unfortunately, you then accuse me of being a "Writer's Block Bob" akin, one would gather, to Typhoid Mary.

I'm writing this to let you, and the rest of the world, know that I refuse blame for this one. Nonetheless, I empathize. I am amazed at how seemingly great ideas can disappear as a deadline approaches.

You were kind enough also to mention my radio show. First of all, I owe you a thanks for having mentioned me in your column, and especially mentioning the show. When I reread it, I realized that, at the end, you specifically asked me, in front of all the world, whether I might invite you back on the show.

It reminds me of the time Chief Judge Judith Kaye was on the show and, while on the air, she asked whether she could have the right to return for another hour on a different show. I thought to myself that I was one of the luckiest people in the world. Who else could end their career in merely one syllable? All I had to do was say "No!" Of course it was a delight having her on, and while still on the air I made it clear that she was welcome to return.

Since I don't blog, I thought it would be only fitting to respond to your column in my column. I don't know exactly what constitutes blogging, but perhaps you and I can start a new trend in social media. I was thinking of calling it "clogging" or "face column" or something equally clever, but I don't have enough time to figure out anything more clever than that before I submit this column.

I'm sorry it took me so long to respond but here it is: You hereby are formally invited back as a guest on the Brenna and Brenna Law Forum. I thoroughly enjoyed having you on the show in the past and, since you are once again in private practice, I'm sure your next visit will allow you to speak not only about your years on the trial bench, but also your years at the Appellate Division, what it's like to go from private practice to the bench and then re-enter the world of private practice.

This past week, Jim Philippone and Todd Gustafson co-hosted while I was on the West Coast taking in yet another continuing legal education series. For some reason I wound up with four such trips in the past six weeks and, frankly, I'm burned out for a while. I did some research on the Internet, and it winds up that if I become a Buddhist and I am reincarnated, I will have enough CLE credits to last me for next two reincarnations. Enough already!

Anyway, Your Honor, before you come on the show, please be sure to check out [www.Brennalaw.com](http://www.Brennalaw.com) to see the latest about what has been happening in the firm since you were last on the show. Sorry we haven't had a chance to talk for a while, but I'm glad we're going to have a chance to talk once again on the air.

By the way, congratulations in choosing Trevett Cristo as your new home. You couldn't find a better place anywhere — you are with a group of attorneys I truly admire.

Anyway, I'm glad I finally got a chance to write back. See you on the show!

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Robert J. Lunn's column "A dog's tale," published April 27, included this message to Robert L. Brenna: "Several months ago I read a column in this newspaper by attorney, Bob Brenna, one of the paper's regular contributors. Bob's column explained that he was suffering from a mild attack of writer's block. Truthfully, I never thought of it as being viral or in any way contagious, but now I'm not so sure. I definitely felt afflicted this week as I searched for a topic and wondered to myself how I caught it from him. I know for a fact that I haven't recently been on his radio show. The couple of times when I was a guest I found it took some time to recover from the early morning Sunday wake-up call. That, plus the fact that I haven't had an invite for some time now — are you reading this, Robert?"

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