Susan M. Reprised

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Some years ago I penned a verse
On “Susan M.”—the law school’s curse.¹
When she’d flunked out of New York Law
She sued the school to prove a flaw.
She lost, then won, then lost it all;
The high court ruled her claim must fall.²
It’s not that profs are always right,
It’s just the docket’s way too tight.
And courts don’t think it’s for the best
For judges to regrade each test.
And so I thought that all was said;
The case was finished, closed, and dead.
Can you imagine my surprise?
A new decision reached my eyes.
That Susan M.’s a dauntless sort;
She took the school again to court.
This time she claimed a contract breach
As grounds for money to beseech.
She could have brought this claim first round,
And thus her action wouldn’t sound.
So now the court was really burned;
Her lesson Susan hadn’t learned.
Not only did they toss her claim,
But, in the caption, named her name!

No longer Susan M. was she,
But Susan Keane, for all to see. 3

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'Twas harsh, I think, to take offense,
Though ignorance is no defense:

She must have left her alma mater
Before they'd reached res judicata.

But still and all, enough's enough;
And life goes on, though it seems tough.

I'm sure my readers will agree—
It's time to quit for Sue, and me.