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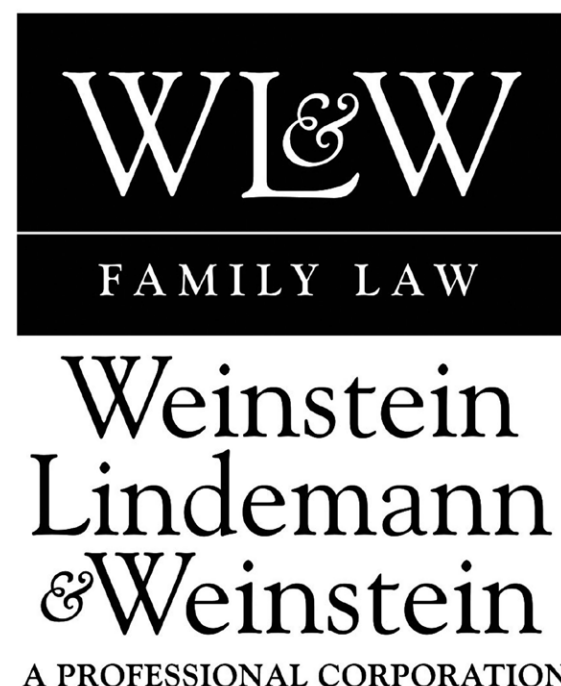
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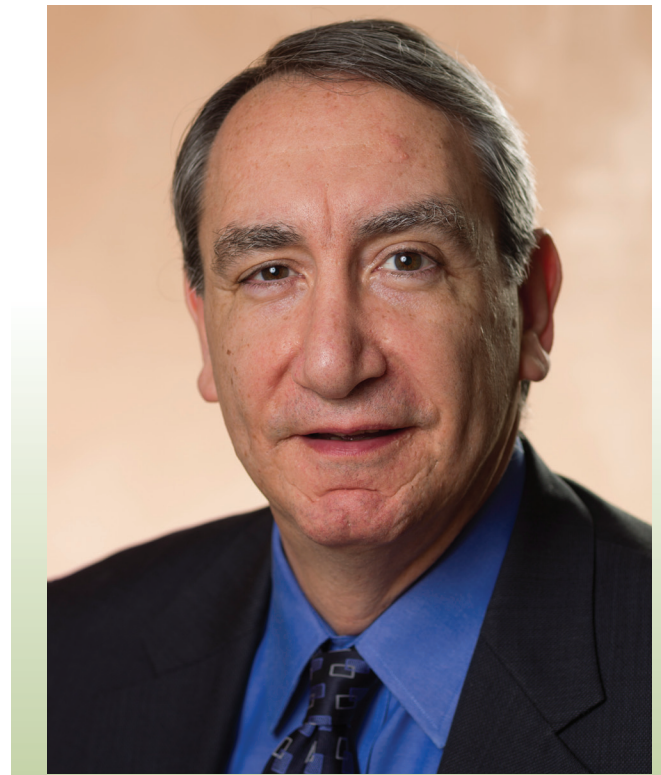
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Mr. Zwillman has tried in excess of 70 criminal jury trials to verdict. He has been certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a criminal trial attorney since 1982. Mr. Zwillman handles all types of criminal cases in New Jersey, New York and Federal Courts throughout the United States.

In addition to the Martindale AV Preeminent rating, Mr. Zwillman has been recognized as a leading attorney in Criminal Defense and White Collar defense by a number of peer-reviewed organizations including *Best Lawyers*, *Super Lawyers* and *Americas Top 100 Criminal Defense Attorneys*.

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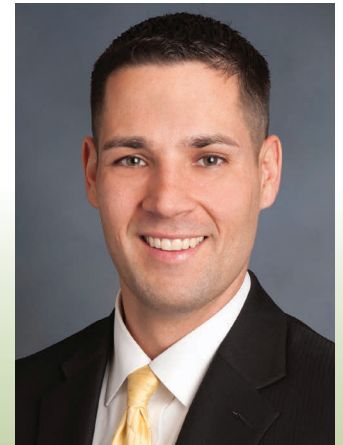
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