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commissioner Bernard Kerik to Michael Jackson's former associate, Frank Tyson, who was charged with conspiring to cover up for the pop star, and, most recently, *New York Post* writer Jared Paul Stern in the Page Six scandal. Tacopina first earned his reputation as the "hottest young criminal defense attorney in New York" by winning the unexpected acquittal of Thomas Wiese, one of four police officers accused of torturing Haitian immigrant Abner Louima.

**BROAD AREA OF PRACTICE** Tacopina's practice is not limited to criminal defense, as he has brought his public relations and litigation talents to the civil arena. Police officer Elizabeth Bryant hired him as her civil rights advocate after fellow officers taunted and threatened her for being a lesbian. Tacopina won a [REDACTED] settlement against the city. In a similar vein, Tacopina recently procured a settlement on behalf of a diamond dealer who accused GIA of upgrading precious gems in exchange for bribes. And, Tacopina presently represents Joran van der Sloot and his father, Paulus, in their New York civil suit involving the disappearance of Natalee Holloway in Aruba, as well as the estate of Imette St. Guillen in its civil suit against those responsible for the murder of the 24-year old criminal justice student.

**RESPECTED ANALYST, RECOGNIZED PROFESSIONAL** Tacopina is frequently called upon to lend his keen legal analysis to various radio and television outlets, including Court TV, CNN, NBC, ABC, Fox News, CNBC, and MSNBC. He can often be seen during prime time on *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Hannity and Colmes*, and *Larry King Live*. He is also a regular on "Imus in the Morning."

Tacopina has been recognized with honors and is a member of several professional affiliations. He was recently honored by the Italian-American Bar Association as its *Man of the Year* following previous year's honoree, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Scalia.

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**J**oseph Tacopina is described by *The New York Times* as the "Donald Trump" of New York's defense bar. A former prosecutor, Tacopina has skillfully tried over 80 cases, winning nearly every one. Tacopina has used his courtroom expertise to successfully defend police officers, politicians, recording artists, and Fortune 500 executives, among others.

Joseph Tacopina is the founder of Joseph Tacopina, P.C., a Manhattan-based firm that focuses on criminal, civil, and securities litigation. Fluent in Italian, Tacopina has an international office in Milan, Italy. According to *USA Today*, Tacopina is one of a handful of elite powerhouse defense attorneys who has risen to the "pinnacle of prominence." Tacopina's courtroom charm, slick lawyering, and handsome

**"TACOPINA'S UNBELIEVABLE. THAT GUY WORKS MAGIC. HE'S THE REAL DEAL. HE'S NOT TO BE MESSED WITH."**

**— DON IMUS**

looks caught the attention of Hollywood scriptwriters who used him as a model for a fictional attorney on the CBS show *The Guardian*.

**HIGH-PROFILE CASES** Tacopina is no stranger to the public eye. He has represented a slew of high-profile clients, ranging from former New York police