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### **Zipser earns Top Orange County Lawyer honor for Bet-the-Company litigation, Four other KRUZ attorneys recognized**

IRVINE, CA, AUGUST 28, 2013 --- Dean Zipser, a nationally prominent attorney at Keller Rackauckas Umberg Zipser LLP in Irvine, has been named *Best Lawyers' 2014 Orange County "Lawyer of the Year"* in *Bet-the-Company Litigation*. Zipser and his partner Jennifer Keller are consecutive winners from the firm as *Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year,"* with Keller receiving the 2013 "Lawyer of the Year" honor in *Criminal Defense: Non-White Collar*. Having two attorneys win "Lawyer of the Year" from *Best Lawyers®* in consecutive years is a distinction earned by few California law firms.

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[Zipser's](#) civil business litigation practice includes complex matters in intellectual property, consumer class action, contract, business torts, real estate, construction, and lender liability. He serves a list of premier industry leaders and Fortune 1000 companies and has been listed annually in "Best Lawyers in America®" since 2008. He is currently listed in the fields of Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Banking and Finance Litigation, and Real Estate Litigation.

[Jennifer Keller](#) was also recognized in Criminal Defense – White Collar. She is one of California's premier trial lawyers. She has tried over 150 cases to jury verdict, ranging from complex civil matters — including business and intellectual property cases — to white collar to murder. She has received innumerable awards for excellence as a trial lawyer.

Three other attorneys at Keller Rackauckas Umberg Zipser LLP ("KRUZ") were also recognized in "The Best Lawyers in America®" 2014 listings, including [Kay Rackauckas](#) (White Collar and Non-White Collar Criminal Defense), [Thomas J. Umberg](#) (Commercial Litigation), and [Carole E. Reagan](#) (Intellectual Property Litigation).

KRUZ is unlike nearly any other California trial and business litigation firm in that the name partners have over 300 jury trials among them. Furthermore, KRUZ attorneys have won over \$680 million in judgments in the last several years alone. One of our firm's key strengths is the diverse background of its lawyers, who come from small/local to large international firms. They include a former assistant U.S. attorney, a deputy district attorney, a deputy public defender, an elected and appointed national and state government official, and two managing partners of a major law firm's Orange County office. The four name partners alone bring to the firm over 120 years of experience.