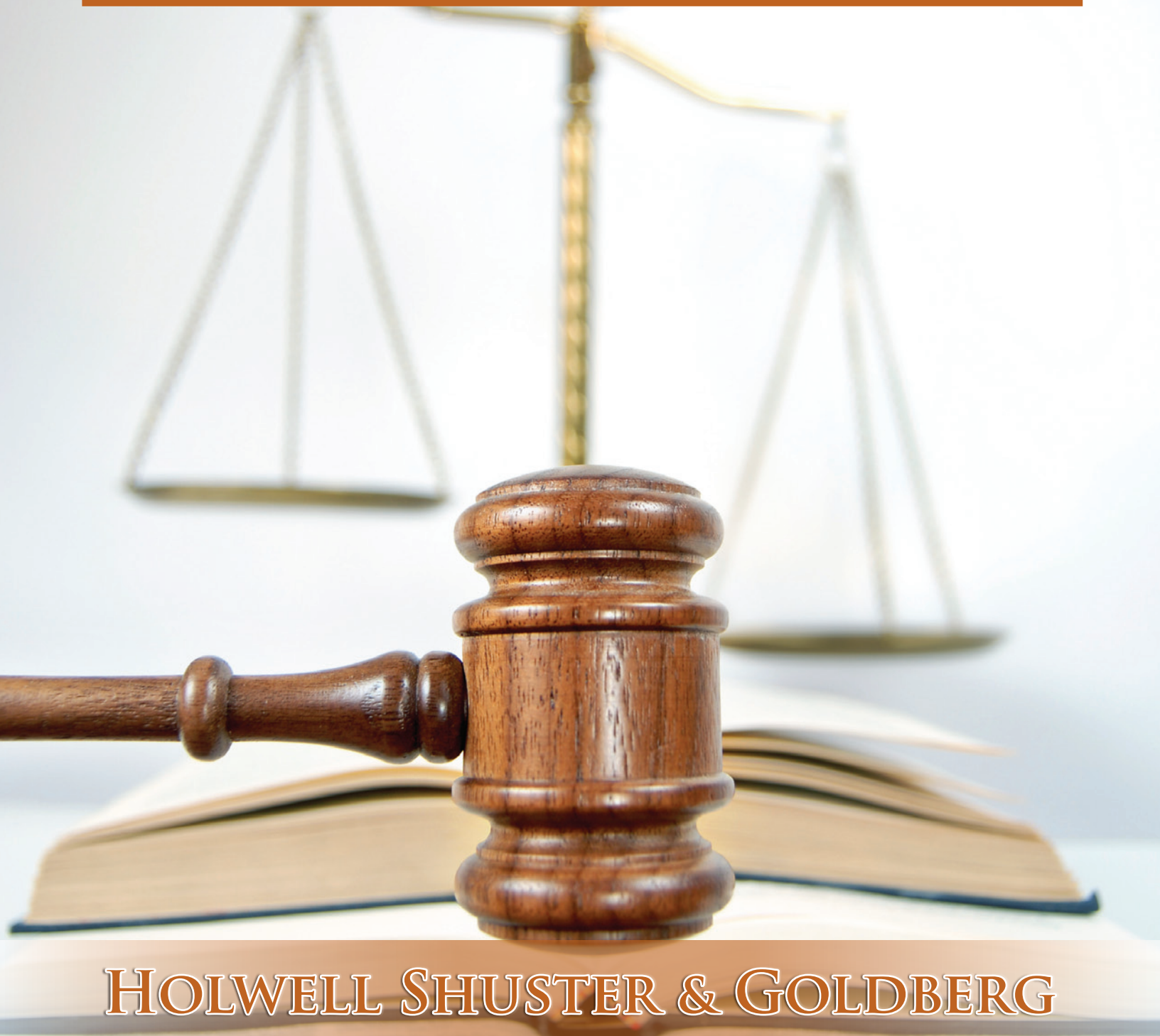


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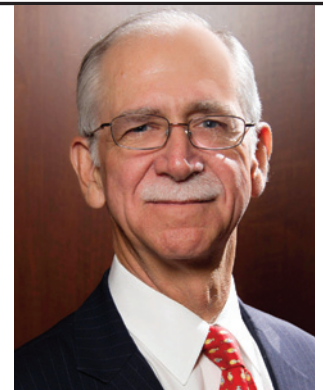
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**PIONEER SPIRIT** Judge Richard Holwell believes he was born to be a litigator. "It's a noble service. It's the lawyers who articulate the arguments that ultimately the courts weave into the social fabric."

**TRAILS BLAZED** A federal judge in the Southern District of New York for a decade before launching a boutique litigation firm, Holwell applies his experience to attracting the best young talent. "After the credit crisis of 2008, the practice of law was shifting. That provided an opening for boutique firms to provide a high level of expertise at a lower cost." Clients have had their eyes opened to the possibility of using smaller firms. Holwell was the executive partner in charge of litigation at a major firm before he joined the bench. "So I know how big firms operate. But we developed another structure that is not dependent on high hours, high rates and high leverage. When you have 40 or 50 lawyers, you're going to know everybody, and you can control your culture." Clients benefit from having first-rate lawyers without the need to retain a large organization with high overhead. "Those types of firms can be very important to clients in certain areas, such as cross-border matters. But in litigation, you are going to be in a court somewhere. So it's by definition local, and the economies of scale that a big firm can provide are useless."

**FUTURE EXPLORATIONS** Holwell continues to be involved in the public sector and has agreed to act as interim general counsel for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. "In the private sector, I'll continue to develop the firm I started three and a half years ago."

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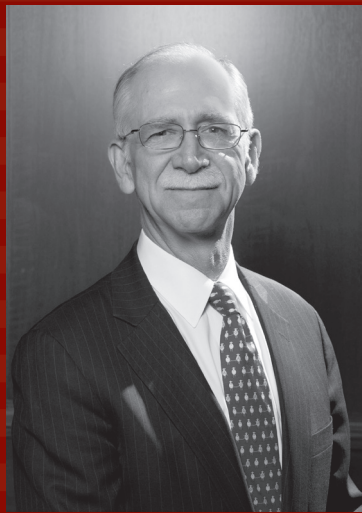
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The firm has grown significantly since its founding, representing clients in complex commercial, securities, antitrust, intellectual property, and bankruptcy litigation, as well as related civil, criminal, and regulatory matters.



Congratulations to Judge Holwell and all of his fellow trailblazers.

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