

Frank Costilla learned the meaning of empathy early. Born the oldest son of a ranch laborer in Central Texas, Costilla grew up in a culture of segregation and insensitivity. Costilla's mother believed in God, hard work and self reliance and her son absorbed her values, vowing that he would someday make a difference in society. He was the first in his family to attend college, which he paid for by working in cotton fields, slaughterhouses and loading docks. This year, Costilla was recognized as a Super Lawyer by his peers.

PRACTICE AREAS The Law Office of Frank Costilla is a plaintiff's personal injury and civil trial firm serving the Rio Grande Valley. It represents people catastrophically injured or wrongfully killed in automobile, train, and truck collisions, by defective products, medical negligence, dangerous premises, toxic substances or involved in insurance and business disputes.

COURTROOM LAWYER From the start it was clear that Costilla had a talent for the courtroom. Representing injured workers who were being unfairly compensated, he gained the respect of his clients and his peers as a tenacious fighter for injured workers' rights. Today, with over 28 years of courtroom experience, he continues to fight for the underdog. His firm, which features a completely bilingual team, is small but committed. "We're big enough to win, and small enough to care," says Costilla.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE Through hard work and passion in representing his clients, Costilla is making a difference. An "AV" rated lawyer, he is recognized in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory as one of the

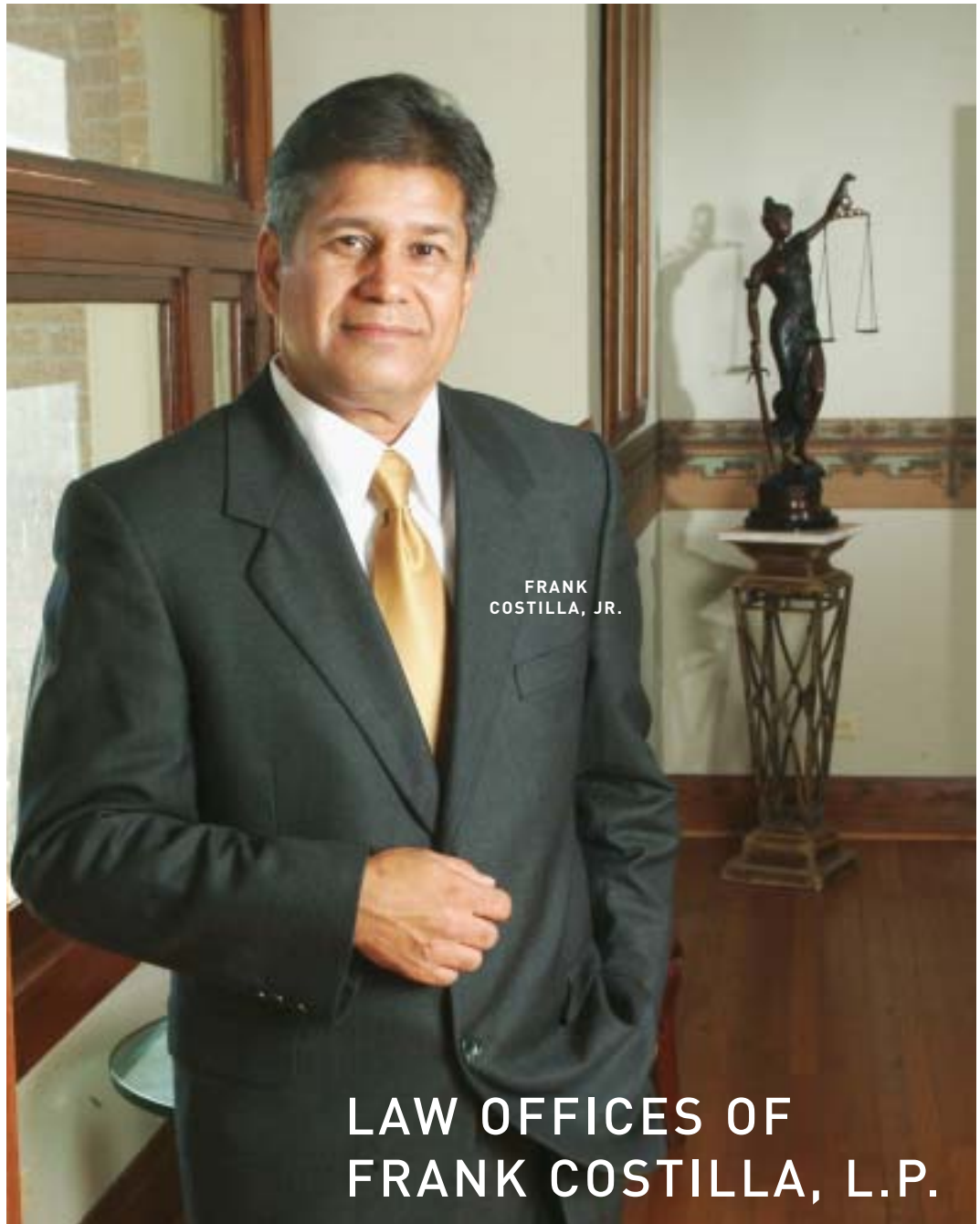
country's pre-eminent lawyers. He is a Director Emeritus for the Texas Trial Lawyer's Association, and a member

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of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. In 2002 Frank was inducted into the International Society of Barristers, an

invitation-only legal society. In 2004 he became the first lawyer in Cameron County to receive the County and State Bar Award for Professionalism and Ethics. Costilla says, "We put professionalism over arrogance, commitment above connections, and integrity above all else."

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