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Jennifer F. Hillman is a partner at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek P.C., which is headquartered in Uniondale. Hillman's practice includes all manner of surrogate's court proceedings including accounting proceedings, probate contests, discovery proceedings, and commercial litigation related to estates. She practices in the surrogate's courts, as well as the trial and appellate courts throughout New York.

She also has substantial experience in trial and appellate advocacy, and has handled a variety of commercial cases including contractual disputes, restrictive covenants, unfair competition, partnership disputes and real estate litigation.

An increasingly digital world has created additional hurdles for estate planning and administration, Hillman said.

"Photographs are stored on photo-sharing websites, and many financial transactions are handled online without ever entering a bank location," she noted. "As more people go 'paperless' there may not be a written record for family members to locate assets after an individual passes."

"Digital assets extend beyond accessing someone's Facebook account after death, and most companies fiercely guard against access to protect the privacy rights of deceased individuals," Hillman said. "Even if a family member is aware of an online password, unauthorized access to computers and data may violate some criminal and data



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privacy laws. Everyone needs to be aware of these issues."

Hillman is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate counsel (ACTEC). She is a member of the New York State Bar Association Trusts and Estates Section where she serves on the executive committee as an officer.

She formerly served as chair of the Estate Litigation Committee and co-chair of the Government

Relations and Legislation Committee, where she actively assisted the Trust and Estates Section in promoting new legislation. Several of her own legislative proposals have been signed into law.

Hillman is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association where she serves as co-chair of the Surrogates Court Committee. She is a member of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association and is on the board of directors of the Nassau County Women's Bar Foundation.

Hillman has lectured on probate and trust issues to the New York State Bar Association, the New York City Bar Association and the Suffolk County Bar Association. She has co-written many articles for the *New York Law Journal*, and is a contributor to the Lexis Nexis Estate Practice and Elder Law Community on a variety of issues related to estate litigation.

Hillman earned a juris doctor from St. John's University and a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Marist College.

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