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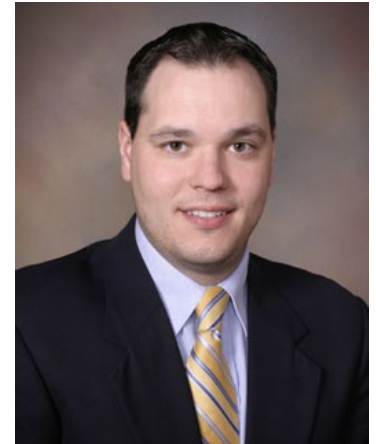
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**Gary N. Stewart**

Gary N. Stewart's October 2013 *Transportation Law Update* (Vol. 14, No. 7) article "Pennsylvania: Punitive Damages and the Handheld GPS" was published in the *TIDA Fall 2013 Newsletter* and in the November 2013 issue of *PENNTRUX*, the monthly publication of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA).

In addition, the November 2013 *Transportation Law Update* (Vol. 14, No. 8) article "Pennsylvania: Is Your Truck Driver a 'Professional Driver'? – Chapter Two", written by Gary Stewart and David R. Chludzinski, is scheduled to be published in the next *ABA/TIPS Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee Newsletter*.



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