Double Tap (Martini, Steve) by Steve Martini

Paul Madriani's defense of a soldier on trial for murder—and the explosive government secrets it could reveal—propel Steve Martinis latest thriller.

The Arraignment, Steve Martinis most recent bestseller featuring defense attorney Paul Madriani, has proved his most popular yet. Now Madriani is faced with daunting ballistics evidence: a so-called double tap—two bullet wounds tightly grouped in the victims head, shots that could have been made only by a crack marksman. Pauls client, Emiliano Ruiz, is an enigma—a career soldier who refuses to discuss his past though it is clear that he is a battle-tested pro. Ruiz is accused of killing a beautiful businesswoman and guru of a high-tech software empire catering to the military. A key to the case: the murder weapon is one used solely in
special operations, where the double tap has become the signature of the most skilled assassins.

Ruiz is sitting on secrets—there's a seven-year gap on his military risumé, for which Madriani can find no details. And, more troubling, he discovers that the victim and her company were involved in a controversial government computer program designed to combat terrorists. Madriani finds himself in a deadly legal quagmire—with a client who is unwilling to cooperate and prosecutors who stonewall his every question about the victim's shadowy business and his clients past. Justice, and the unvarnished truth, has never been so elusive—or so dangerous.

**Personal Review: Double Tap (Martini, Steve) by Steve Martini**
Steve Martini definitely is at the top of my list for engrossing legal fiction. I ended up reading the 400+ pages in this book within one day. There just weren't any convenient stopping places where I wanted to put the book down. Martini delves deeply into the trials in his books and he varies the emphasis in each. In this one, much is made before the trial as to what evidence will be allowed and what won't. The portrait of the prosecuting attorney, Lawrence K. Templeton, is deeply etched and especially a plus factor in the novel. Very highly recommended for lovers of lawyer fiction.

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