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■ **Describe your firm's approach to litigation and your strategy for building successful teams for trials or other matters.** We adopt a trial-ready strategy at the outset of every dispute to achieve the best possible results for our clients. We understand their dynamic industries and pair that fluency with the vast resources of our multidisciplinary, global platform. —Mandy Reeves, Global Chair of the Antitrust & Competition Practice

■ **Discuss the two biggest litigation cases your firm worked on in 2021 and how you reached successful outcomes.** We secured an astounding series of victories—pro bono—that led to the historic settlement guaranteeing a more fair and more accurate U.S. Census. In addition, a global Latham team of lawyers from nine of the firm's offices around the world negotiated the largest public trade secrets settlement ever at US\$1.8 billion on behalf of LG Energy Solution (LGES) in its dispute with SK Innovation over automotive electric vehicle batteries. In addition to representing LGES before the International Trade Commission and in district court, Latham led and coordinated a public and government relations team to reach this favorable agreement. —Bill Baker, Local Co-Chair of the Litigation & Trial Department in the Washington, D.C. office

■ **What are the most challenging and satisfying aspects of your work in litigation?** Successfully guiding clients through their most important crises



Latham & Watkins partners Mandy Reeves, Danny Dominguez, and Bill Baker

is both challenging and satisfying, but ultimately, the most fulfilling aspect of our work comes from the trust and true partnership we develop with clients after having advised them with skill and compassion. —Danny Dominguez, Local Co-Chair of the Litigation & Trial Department in the Washington, D.C. office

■ **What is the most important piece of advice you'd share with young lawyers?** When an opportunity arises and our junior lawyers bet on themselves, they find their colleagues double down on that bet with support, guidance, and mentorship. —Mandy Reeves, Global Chair of the Antitrust & Competition Practice ■