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Litigator of the (Past) Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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➤ Last up, we have the joint defense team dealing with the fallout of a hack of the Nomad Bridge—a protocol that allowed users to move crypto assets between multiple blockchains that was drained of \$186 million in crypto assets in 2022 after a routine update introduced a vulnerability to the system. U.S. Judge Laura Hatcher of Delaware late last month dismissed all RICO and tort claims—rejecting a theory of liability that could have roped in cryptographic keyholders and investors in the protocol. Orrick partners Douglas Meal and Benjamin Au associates Lauren Kessler and Melissa Levin represent Nomad Bridge’s operator Illusory Systems Inc., which held two of the five cryptographic keys for the bridge. Among the other keyholders Tibor Nagy Jr. and Gregory Wolfe represent Ethereum Ventures and Consensus Mesh; **Latham & Watkins** partners **Serrin Turner** and **Jack McNeily** and associates **Gregory Mortenson** and **Scott Rothstein** represent Connex Labs; Cooley partner Bethany Lobo and associates Rebecca Tarneja and Nachi Baru represent Archetype. Among the investors, Colleen Bal, John Flynn and Joshua Baskin of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati represent Circle; Conrad|Metlitzky|Kane partner Mark Conrad and of counsel Felipe Corredor represent Coinbase; Covington & Burling partners Andrew Soukup and Valerie Hletko and associate Dillon Grimm represent Ozone Networks; and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton partners Roger Cooper and Jared Gerber and associate Samuel Levander represent Polychain.