

Litigator of the Week

Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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► Runners-up honors also go to a **Latham & Watkins** team including partners **Max Grant**, **Clem Naples**, **Greg Sobolski** and **Lawrence Gotts**; counsel **Thomas Yeh**; associate **Brett Sandford** and counsel **Dale Chang**. The Latham team brought home a \$10.75 million damages verdict last week for client Philip Morris International in a patent infringement trial over vaping technology against R.J. Reynolds Vapor. As my colleague Scott Graham noted in his “Skilled in the Art” briefing, the Latham team had to be adaptable in the runup to trial in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia. The case was reassigned to U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema due to U.S. District Judge Liam O’Grady’s unavailability and co-plaintiff Altria settled the day before openings, leaving the case with fewer asserted patents and a shorter witness list than originally planned.