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Another Heaping Helping of Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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➤ Shout out to **Greg Garre** and his team at **Latham & Watkins** who helped Michelle Cochran, a certified public accountant based in Texas, clear the way for her constitutional challenge to the structure of SEC administrative proceedings to be heard in federal court. In a unanimous opinion last week, the U.S. Supreme Court held that the statutory review scheme laid out in the Securities Exchange Act doesn't displace a district court's jurisdiction over constitutional claims challenging the agency's structure. (The court held similarly regarding the Federal Trade Commission Act in a consolidated case brought by Axon Enterprise, represented by Paul Clement of Clement & Murphy.) **Garre** argued the case for Cochran at the court and the **Latham** team included associates **Charlie Dameron, Blake Stafford, Maggie Upshaw, Joseph Begun** and **Uriel Hinberg**. The New Civil Liberties Alliance, which represented Cochran in the lower courts, served as **Latham's** co-counsel with a team led by Peggy Little, Mark Chenoweth, Richard Samp and Kara Rollins.

➤ Shout out to a separate **Latham** team that revived a major bad faith insurance lawsuit for client Fluor Corp. against Zurich American Insurance Co. involving litigation stemming from lead exposure around a former smelting plant in Herculaneum, Missouri. The Eighth Circuit last week reversed a district court ruling that limited Zurich's liability to fund settlements on a per-occurrence rather than a per-claim basis, and remanded the case for further proceedings. The **Latham** team included **Roman Martinez**, who argued the appeal, partners **Brook Roberts, Richard Bress, Steven Lesan, Samir Deger-Sen** and associate **Genevieve Hoffman**.