

Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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➤ Shout-out to a pro bono team at **Latham & Watkins** and co-counsel at the National Veterans Legal Services Program for securing a precedential Federal Circuit victory for Marine veteran William Bee. The court vacated a ruling upholding the denial of Bee's request for medical disability retirement, holding that military correction boards applied the wrong legal standards and failed to give proper "liberal consideration" to evidence of service-connected PTSD and traumatic brain injuries. The decision is expected to make it easier for similarly situated veterans to pursue disability retirement claims. The team included Latham partner **Kyle Jefcoat**; counsel **Darryl Steensma**; associates **Ashley Gebicke** and **Jack Ring**; and former associate Michael Clemente, who argued the appeal, as well as NVLSP's Rochelle Bobroff, Esther Leibfarth and Matthew Handley.