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Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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► Shout-out to a **Latham & Watkins** team representing Google in a copyright suit targeting the company's Shopping Ads program. Online apparel company Weekend Warrior Clothing sought to hold Google liable for knock-offs of copyrighted T-shirts, including one bearing the phrase "Bad Day to Be a Beer," advertised by third-party merchants. But this week U.S. District Judge Douglas Cole dismissed the suit, citing the Supreme Court's decision in *Cox Communications v. Sony Music Entertainment* this year. Cole wrote that Weekend Warrior was seeking to do "exactly what the Supreme Court rejected in *Cox*—hold Google accountable for allegedly possessing knowledge of infringement and failing to take adequate steps to stop it." The Latham team included partners **Sy Damle** and **Sarah Tomkowiak** and associates **Brent Murphy**, **Leticia Salazar** and **Sara Sampoli**, with co-counsel **Anthony Osterlund** and **Alexander Shadley** of **Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease**.

► Shout-out to a securities litigation team at Latham representing Venture Global in a lawsuit stemming from the liquefied natural gas developer's \$1.75 billion initial public offering. Investors accused the company, certain executives and underwriters of making material misstatements and omissions in its offering documents concerning operational problems and delays, financial results and reputational harm stemming from disputes with customers. This week, U.S. District Senior Judge Jed Rakoff in Manhattan issued an opinion dismissing the second amended complaint with prejudice, finding, among other things, that the company adequately disclosed existing and potential delays and cost overruns.. The Latham team representing Venture Global was led by partners **Jeff Hammel** (who argued the motion), **Jason Hegt** and **Corey Calabrese**, and associate **Melange Gavin**. Gibson Dunn represented the underwriter defendants.

► Shout-out to yet another Latham team, this one led by partners **Steve Feldman** and **Nathan Sandals**, representing Voyager Technologies Inc., the developer of a commercial space station project, who secured the dismissal with prejudice of a Delaware Court of Chancery lawsuit brought by an affiliate of Far Capital Partners on the eve of Voyager's IPO. The plaintiff alleged that 22 foreign EB-5 investors had committed \$17.6 million to Voyager's Starlab commercial space station project and sought \$2 million in expenses, fees and lost profits after Voyager declined the investments. But this week Superior Court Judge Kathleen M. Miller, sitting by designation on the Court of Chancery, held that Voyager's obligation to accept investments expired when the agreement's six-month "Marketing Window" closed in November 2024. The judge rejected the plaintiff's efforts to invoke the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing to alter that bargain. The Latham team on the matter included counsel **Melanie Burke**, and associates **Phebe Hong** and **Fiona Negron**, with local counsel **C. Barr Flinn**, **Paul Loughman** and **Zeliang Liu** of **Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor**.