

Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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► A team at **Latham & Watkins** helped NASCAR [fend off a motion](#) for a preliminary injunction from two racing teams—including one owned by basketball legend Michael Jordan—seeking to be recognized as chartered teams as they pursue antitrust claims against the stock car series. “At this stage, the teams are no closer to irreparable harm than they are to the command, ‘Drivers, start your engines,’ at the first race of the 2025 season,” wrote U.S. District Judge Frank Whitney in Charlotte, North Carolina, last week. The Latham team includes partners **Chris Yates**, **Larry Buterman** and **Anna Rathbun** and associates **Chris Brown**, **Clayton Wiggins**, **Christina Gay**, **Richie Samboy** and **Serena Candelaria**, with support from partners **Greg Garre** and **Frank Saviano** as well as local counsel Tricia Magee of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick.