

Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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► Last July we shouted out a team at **Latham & Watkins** after U.S. District Judge Richard Seeborg in San Francisco granted a motion to dismiss a securities class action against their client Skillz Inc.—a mobile gaming company that went public via a deSPAC deal in December 2020 accused of misleading investors about download rates. Last week Seeborg dismissed the latest complaint in the case with prejudice and, in particular, rejected the plaintiff’s reliance on short seller reports to establish loss causation in light of a quick rebound in the stock price. The Latham team includes partners **Matt Rawlinson** and **Melanie Blunsch** and associates **Daniel Gherardi**, **Joe D’Amato** and **Rachel Suhr**.

► Shout out to a separate Latham team led by partners **Jon Strang** and **Inge Osman** and associates **David Zucker** and **Blake Davis** who have been representing InductEV in a string of proceedings dealing with wireless charging technology at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. In the latest, the team convinced the PTAB to take the rare move to reverse an initial decision denying *inter partes* review of a patent rival WiTricity Corp. licensed from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon review, the PTAB this week found all challenged claims unpatentable—the Latham team’s fifth win in a row in IPR proceedings.