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Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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➤ Shout-out to **Latham & Watkins** partners **Jeff Hammel, Colleen Smith, Kristin Murphy** and **Morgan Whitworth** and associate **Ashley Gebicke**, who have represented TMC The Metals Co. in a [securities suit](#) claiming the deep-sea mining company misled investors about the environmental impacts of its operations in the run-up to going public via a \$2.9 billion deSPAC deal. U.S. District Judge Eric Komitee in Brooklyn [held last week](#) that the plaintiffs hadn't shown that any of the challenged statements were false or misleading or that they were made with intent to deceive investors.