

# Litigator of the Week

## Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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► Shout-out to a **Latham & Watkins** team led by **Steve Feldman** and **Nathan Taylor** representing aerospace and defense technology company Shield AI in an earnout dispute with former equity holders in aerospace company Martin UA, which Shield acquired in 2021. Shield AI filed suit in Delaware Chancery Court seeking a declaratory judgment that the sellers were not entitled to earnout payments under the applicable Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, which has a provision providing for an accounting firm to act as experts over disputed earnout amounts. But Vice Chancellor Paul Fioravanti Jr. [ruled from the bench](#) earlier this month that the lawsuit presents “a question of contract interpretation for the court to resolve that falls outside of the jurisdiction delegated to the accounting firm.” The Latham team includes associates **Kristian Perez** and **Elizabeth Cangialosi** with local counsel C. Barr Flinn and Paul Loughman of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor.