Shout out to Greg Garre and his team at Latham & Watkins who helped Michelle Cochran, a certified public accountant based in Texas, clear the way for her constitutional challenge to the structure of SEC administrative proceedings to be heard in federal court. In a unanimous opinion last week, the U.S. Supreme Court held that the statutory review scheme laid out in the Securities Exchange Act doesn’t displace a district court’s jurisdiction over constitutional claims challenging the agency’s structure. (The court held similarly regarding the Federal Trade Commission Act in a consolidated case brought by Axon Enterprise, represented by Paul Clement of Clement & Murphy.) Garre argued the case for Cochran at the court and the Latham team included associates Charlie Dameron, Blake Stafford, Maggie Upshaw, Joseph Begun and Uriel Hinberg. The New Civil Liberties Alliance, which represented Cochran in the lower courts, served as Latham’s co-counsel with a team led by Peggy Little, Mark Chenoweth, Richard Samp and Kara Rollins.

Shout out to a separate Latham team that revived a major bad faith insurance lawsuit for client Fluor Corp. against Zurich American Insurance Co. involving litigation stemming from lead exposure around a former smelting plant in Herculaneum, Missouri. The Eighth Circuit last week reversed a district court ruling that limited Zurich’s liability to fund settlements on a per-occurrence rather than a per-claim basis, and remanded the case for further proceedings. The Latham team included Roman Martinez, who argued the appeal, partners Brook Roberts, Richard Bress, Steven Lesan, Samir Deger-Sen and associate Genevieve Hoffman.