

Litigator of the Week Runner-Up and Shout Outs

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► Shout out to a team at **Latham & Watkins** that continued a streak of wins for Netflix turning back lawsuits seeking to force the streaming service to pay franchise fees on revenues similar to what cable companies pay towns and cities for the right to install their wires in public rights-of-way. Late last month both the Tennessee Supreme Court and the Ohio Supreme Court found that Netflix does not fall under the definition of a “video service” required to pay such provider fees. The Latham team representing Netflix in those matters is led by partners **Mary Rose Alexander, Robbie Collins, Jean Pawlow** and **Gregory Garre**, who argued both cases, and associates **Ward Penfold, Maggie Upshaw, Michael Hale, Peter Davis, Joseph Thomas, Darcee Case, Henry Adrian van Seventer** and **Lachanda Reid**. Codefendant Hulu was represented by Victor Jih and Eric Kohan of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in both cases.