

Litigator of the Week

Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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► Shout out to **Latham & Watkins** partners **Michele Johnson**, **Colleen Smith** and **Susan Engel** and associate **Daniel Gherardi**. Senior U.S. District Judge William Orrick III in San Francisco this week granted their motion to dismiss a securities suit against software giant Atlassian Corp. and certain company executives. Orrick agreed with the defendants' contention that there was support in the record for their position that they "were trying to provide open and regular communication to their shareholders during uncertain economic times." Smith argued the motion to dismiss earlier this month.