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Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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➤ Shout out to lawyers at **Latham & Watkins**, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and Davis Wright Tremaine who fended off \$30 million in fraud claims brought in arbitration against their clients—Camping World, NBCUniversal and production company Machete respectively—by the bankruptcy trustee of Precise Graphix. The bankrupt company participated in the CNBC reality television show “The Profit” hosted by Camping World CEO Marcus Lemonis where companies exchanged a stake in their business for money and guidance from Lemonis. The arbitration win, handed down earlier this year, found a “complete failure of competent, credible evidence” of fraud and included \$7 million in total attorney fees for the respondents in the arbitration. The arbitration decision itself became public earlier this month as Camping World asked a bankruptcy court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to force the Precise Graphix trustee to pay back a \$3,500 administrative fee the company forwarded to JAMS to adjudicate the trustee’s appeal of the award and move the dispute towards its conclusion. The Latham team representing Camping World includes partners **Eric Swibel**, **Rob Ellison** and **Katie George** and associates **Shlomo Fellig**, **Renatta Gorski**, **Andrew Miller**, **Tené Johnson** and **Lexi Ibrahim**. The Gibson Dunn team represents NBCUniversal including partner Scott Edelman and associates Marissa Mulligan, Raychel Teasdale and Alayna Monroe. Machete’s team at Davis Wright Tremaine included partner Jonathan Segal and associates Tina Salvato and Farrah Vazquez.

➤ Shout out to a separate **Latham** team that won a rarely granted motion for judgment notwithstanding the verdict in a case against client Impact Biomedicines. Dr. James Brewer, the chair of the neurology department at UC San Diego, initially sought \$75 million in damages claiming he was entitled to stock options for consulting on an anticancer drug the company acquired in the run-up to its own acquisition by Celgene Corp. But San Diego Superior Court Judge Richard Whitney early this month trimmed the initial jury award to Brewer of a little more than \$5 million to just \$220,000. The Latham team includes partners **Jake Ryan** and **Colleen Smith**, who argued the post-trial JNOV motion, **Andrew Gray**, **Melissa Sherry**, counsel **David Troutman**, and associates **David Kowalski**, **Christine Smith**, **Sonya Shaikh**, **Erin Hallagan** and **Helen Kirkby**.