

Another Chock-Full Bunch of Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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➤ Shout out to a team at **Latham & Watkins** that successfully knocked out a novel privacy suit against client Otonomo Inc., a car data services platform accused of tracking drivers' location in real-time in violation of the California Invasion of Privacy Act. U.S. District Judge Trina Thompson in San Francisco, considering an issue of first impression, on Wednesday agreed with Otonomo that a telematics control unit plaintiffs pointed to as a tracking device was built into the plaintiff's vehicle. Thompson, therefore, held the company didn't violate a section of CIPA that bars using a device "attached to" a vehicle to determine the location of a person. The Latham team included partners **Michael Rubin**, **Beth Deeley** and **Melanie Blunsch**i, counsel **Joseph Hansen**, associates **Theo Galanakis** and **Wesley Tiu**, and senior paralegals **John Eastly** and **Andrea Setterholm**.