

A Slightly Delayed Edition of Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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- Shout out to a **Latham & Watkins** team led by partner **Manny Abascal** and counsel **Katherine Sawyer** that secured a rare declination from the U.S. Department of Justice for client Lifecore Biomedical Inc. after self-disclosing a Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violation. In a letter to the company last month, federal prosecutors laid out the steps that the company, formerly known as Landec Corp., took upon learning that a company it acquired in Mexico was paying bribes to government officials to circumvent wastewater regulations. “After Lifecore learned of the misconduct during post-acquisition integration, it initiated an internal investigation that led to the voluntary self-disclosure,” the prosecutors wrote.
- Shout out to **Latham’s Greg Sobolski** and **Inge Osman**. The Patent Trial and Appeal Board handed a pair of wins to their clients CoStar Realty Information Inc. and Duolingo Inc. last month in *inter partes* reviews challenging the claims of font displaying patents held by Modern Font Applications. The PTAB found all challenged claims unpatentable—including claims for one patent MFA has asserted against more than 20 companies since 2018.