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LITIGATION DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WINNER

Latham & Watkins

- **Describe your firm's approach to litigation and your strategy for building successful teams for trials or other matters.** We have a constellation of star trial lawyers who draw on vast technical knowledge, industry insight, and experience litigating across venues, to protect our clients' intellectual property, preserve value, and win precedent-setting victories in every type of dispute. —Michael Morin
- **Discuss the two biggest litigation cases your firm worked on in 2020 and how you reached successful outcomes.** We secured a \$1.8 billion settlement for LG Energy Solution, the largest public trade secrets settlement ever, in a headline-making dispute over electric vehicle batteries before the ITC. The resolution was praised by the White House as "a win for American workers and the American auto industry." We also won an important bench trial victory for Astellas Pharmaceuticals in the first civil IP trial in the District of Massachusetts to be held entirely by Zoom, in a battle over who invented human



MIKE MORIN



BERT REISER

mesenchymal stem cell technology for treating diseases like multiple sclerosis and lupus. —Bert Reiser

- **What are the most challenging and satisfying aspects of your work in litigation?** The most satisfying aspect is seeing the next generation step up, grow, and succeed. The younger lawyers on our team have truly been put to the test over the past 18 months and risen to the occasion with flying colors. —Morin
- **What is the most important piece of advice you'd share with young lawyers?** Be a team player and surround yourself with people that both challenge and support you. To like your job and be successful, you have to like the team you're working with. —Reiser ■