

An Almost-Overwhelming Slate of Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

Latham leads the way this week with a rare acquittal for a former CEO who went to trial on criminal fraud charges

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► Our first runners-up this week are white-collar defense lawyers at **Latham & Watkins** who won a full acquittal this week in the fraud trial of Gary Winemaster, the former CEO and founder of Power Solutions International Inc. Winemaster went to trial on 14 criminal counts even as the company entered into a non-prosecution agreement with the DOJ last year and consented to pay a \$1.7 million civil penalty to the SEC. After a four-week bench trial earlier this summer, U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman in Chicago this week found Winemaster not guilty on all 14 counts. The Latham defense team was led by partners **Sean Berkowitz, John Sikora, Eric Swibel and Heather Waller**, with associates **Jack McNeily, Adam Rosenbloom, Kirsten Lee, Linda Qiu, Sydney Black, Greer Gaddie, Katherine Boyles and Brett Frazer**. Winemaster's co-defendants and former PSI general managers Craig Davis and James Needham were also found not guilty. They were represented by counsel at Burke, Burns & Pinelli and McGuireWoods, respectively.

► Here's a shout out to a Latham team led by partners **Steve Feldman, Douglas Lumish, Gabriel Gross, Gabriel Bell, Lawrence Gotts and David Callahan** and counsel **Sarah Gragert**. As my colleague Scott Graham previously reported, they got U.S. District Judge Rodney Gilstrap in Marshall, Texas, to dismiss an infringement suit on patentability grounds in a case brought against their client Peloton by fitness rival Mad Dogg Athletics.