

Litigator of the Week

Runners-Up and Shout Outs

Latham's rare trial win fending off a "holder's" claim for client NextGen Healthcare Inc. leads this week's runners-up.

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► In a once-in-a-generation securities trial, a team at **Latham & Watkins** brought home a defense verdict for client NextGen Healthcare Inc. in [state court in Orange, County, California](#). The Latham team, led by **Michele Johnson**, the global chair of the firm's litigation and trial department and partner **Peter Wald**, nabbed top runners-up honors this week for fending off a rare "holder's" claim from former company board member Ahmed Hussein. Hussein claimed he would have sold off shares prior to financial restatement by the company had executives not misled him. He was seeking \$400 million in damages. However, Hussein, who had engaged in a number of proxy fights seeking to take control of the company's board in prior years, couldn't convince jurors that statements by company executives had convinced him to hold onto the shares when he otherwise could have sold them. The Latham trial team included partners **Nicholas Siciliano** and **Andrew Gray** and associates **Whitney Weber** and **Katie George**.

► Here's a shout out to Latham partners **Elizabeth Deeley**, **Serrin Turner** and **Susan Engel** who got one of the first rulings knocking out data breach claims since the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Transunion v. Ramirez*. U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers in Oakland, California, [dismissed a data breach suit](#) against their client Zynga late last week. Citing the *Transunion* decision, Gonzalez Rogers wrote "plaintiffs have not sufficiently alleged an invasion of privacy or a risk of future harm based on the information allegedly stolen in the breach."