

## THE AM LAW LITIGATION DAILY

### Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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➤ First up this week are Tom Melsheimer of King & Spalding, **Scott Thomas** of **Latham & Watkins** and Dan Toal of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, who led a team that secured a defense verdict for Exxon Mobil Corp. in an exceedingly rare securities fraud class action jury trial. Last week, federal jurors in Dallas found that plaintiffs had not proven claims that the company and three former executives— chairman and CEO (and former U.S. Secretary of State) Rex Tillerson, CFO Andrew Swiger and Controller David Rosenthal—defrauded investors through disclosures about the company’s Canadian oil sands and Rocky Mountain gas operations. We plan to bring you more about how this multi-firm team came together and their trial presentation next week. Paul Weiss has represented Exxon throughout the litigation. The firm’s team included partners Audra Soloway, Ted Wells, Paul Brachman, Dan Kramer and Matthew Stachel and associates Amitav Chakraborty, Lyuba Shamailova, Daphne Thompson and Emily Miller. The trial team from King & Spalding included Emily Wilkinson, Austin Saathoff and Taylor Hinojosa. The team from **Latham** included partners **Sarah Tomkowiak** and **Heather Waller** and associate **Taz Jones**. The company had appellate counsel from Nina Cortell and Jason Jordan of Haynes and Boone. Pat Long of Squire Patton Boggs represented Tillerson.