

Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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► First up this week is a team from **Latham & Watkins** that knocked out an antitrust class action accusing client Novartis of improperly using the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Orange Book to delay generic competition for blockbuster heart drug Entresto. This week, in a ruling clarifying what a patent must claim to qualify for listing in the Orange Book, the FDA publication identifying approved drugs and associated patents, U.S. District Judge Lewis Liman in Manhattan dismissed the suit with prejudice. Liman concluded that Entresto's active ingredient is "the combination of valsartan and sacubitril" and that the patent's claims were "sufficient for the patent to claim the drug." The Latham team representing Novartis includes partners **David Marriott, Arlene Chow, Marc Zubick, Jason Burt, Maggy Sullivan**, counsel **Amy Speros**, associates **James Friedland, Jennifer Esch, Chaarushena Deb, Joelle Hageboutros, Nicolas Corti, Nicole Brown** and **Aimee Campbell**.