

Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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➤ Shout-out to a pro bono team at **Latham & Watkins**, working alongside lawyers at the MacArthur Justice Center and the ACLU of Arkansas, in a constitutional challenge to certain procedures the state uses to determine when someone should be sent back to prison for violating parole. Last week, U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker issued [a 77-page decision](#) granting a preliminary injunction, which forces the state to hold preliminary hearings in parole revocation cases, inform parolees of their right to counsel in those cases and issue written decisions when parole is revoked. The Latham team worked under the guidance of partner **Samir Deger-Sen**, and included associate **Christine Smith**, who took the lead arguing the preliminary injunction motion, and associates **Jess Hui**, **Chanelle Jones** and **Norah Rast**. Co-counsel included Bridget Geraghty, Olivia Fritz and Emily Keller of the MacArthur Justice Center's National Parole Transformation Project and Hadiyah Cummings and John Williams of the ACLU of Arkansas.