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A Jam-Packed Week of Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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➤ Maeve O'Connor, Elliot Greenfield and their team at Debevoise & Plimpton get a runner-up nod for securing a ruling in a case of first impression dismissing securities law claims against client Uniswap Labs and its CEO brought by plaintiffs who claimed they purchased scam crypto tokens through the decentralized cryptocurrency exchange. In a decision this week dismissing the suit with prejudice, U.S. District Judge Katherine Polk Failla in Manhattan equated the suit to "attempting to hold an application like Venmo or Zelle liable for a drug deal that used the platform to facilitate a fund transfer." The Debevoise team also included litigation associates Brandon Fetzer, Emily Jenab, and former associate Anagha Sundararajan. Uniswap Labs' venture capital backers had additional counsel at Latham & Watkins that included partners Susan Engel, Benjamin Naftalis, Douglas Yatter, and associates Julia Miller, Gregory Mortenson, and Peter Trombly, and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and the Uniswap Foundation was represented by a team at Morrison Cohen.