

# Litigator of the Week

## Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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► Litigators at **Latham & Watkins** persuaded New York’s high court to revive a challenge to New York City’s property tax system. In a 4-3 decision this week, the Court of Appeals found that the plaintiff, an advocacy group called Tax Equity Now New York, or TENNY, had adequately pled claims under the federal Fair Housing Act and the state’s property tax law “on the general basis that the system is unfair, inequitable and has a discriminatory disparate impact on certain protected classes of New York City property owners.” Now-retired partner **Richard Bress** argued the case at the Court of Appeals. The Latham team also includes partners **Jimmy Brandt** and **Michael Bern**, of counsel **Jonathan Lippman**, the state’s former chief judge, and associates **Eric Konopka** and **Graham Haviland**.