Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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- Runners-up honors also go to a team at Latham & Watkins that brought home an eight-digit verdict for Oracle in a copyright infringement and contractual interference fight with rival Hewlett Packard Enterprise. Oracle accused HPE of working with customer support subcontractor Terix Computer Co., which illegally copied and distributed updates to Oracle's Solaris software. A federal jury in Oakland, California this week awarded Oracle \$30 million in damages for copyright infringement and \$24 million for intentional interference. Oracle's team at Latham included partners Christopher Yates, Sarah Ray and Sy Damle, and associates Brittany Lovejoy, Abigail Parr, Alex Epstein, Emma Eastwood-Paticchio, Kevin Wu, Sarah O'Connor, Peter Calello and Mia Cabello.
- Shout out to appellate teams at Latham & Watkins and Willkie Farr & Gallagher that won a unanimous decision from the U.S. Supreme Court limiting the ability of federal courts to compel discovery in private commercial arbitration abroad. With Latham representing ZF Automotive U.S. Inc. and Willkie representing AlixPartners LLP and its CEO in consolidated cases, the High Court held that such private adjudicative bodies don't qualify as a "foreign or international tribunal" under 28 U.S.C. 1782, which authorizes district courts to compel discovery for use in such tribunals abroad. Willkie senior counsel Joseph Baio argued the case at the court. The Willkie team also included partners Mark Stancil, Charles Cording and Stuart Lombardi, associates Jordan Wall, Richard Li, Samantha Prince, and Xiaoli (Lily) Wu, and law clerks William Montemarano and Christina Peck. The Latham team was led by partner Roman Martinez, who argued the case, along with partners Sean Berkowitz, Christoph Baus and Alena McCorkle. The Latham team also included counsel Zachary Rowen, associates Tyce Walters, Brent Murphy, Graham Haviland, Justin Kirschner, Stefanie Engmann and Viviane Opitz.