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Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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> Runners-up honors go to lawyers at Latham & Watkins who got a win at the Third Circuit this week upholding U.S. Sugar's trial court win fending off a DOJ challenge to the company's \$315 million acquisition of Imperial Sugar Co., which was represented by lawyers at Cravath, Swaine & Moore. The DOJ alleged that allowing Florida-based U.S. Sugar to purchase Imperial's Georgia-based refinery would leave only two entities in control of 75% of refined sugar sales in the Southeast. This week's ruling upheld a decision from last September by U.S. District Judge Maryellen Noreika in Delaware who found the government overlooked the deal's procompetitive effects and improperly defined the relevant geographic market without considering the high mobility of sugar. The Latham team representing U.S. Sugar included partners Larry Buterman, Melissa Arbus Sherry, who argued the appeal, Chris Yates, Amanda Reeves, Jennifer Giordano, Lindsey Champlin, Kelly Fayne, counsel Elyse Greenwald, and associates Molly Barron, David Johnson, Charlie Dameron, Chris Brown, Matthew Piehl, Jesse Vella, Leah Wisser, Graham Haviland, Christine Greeley and Saffa Khan. The Cravath team representing Imperial Sugar was led by partners Christine Varney, Timothy Cameron, Daniel Zach, Peter Barbur, David Marriott and Michael Zaken.