

Litigator of the Week Runners- Up and Shout Outs

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► You might remember antitrust litigators at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and **Latham & Watkins** picked up LOTW honors earlier this month by beating back the Federal Trade Commission's challenge to Illumina's \$8 billion acquisition of cancer blood-test developer GRAIL, with Cravath representing the acquirer and Latham the target. This past week, the roles were reversed, with Latham representing acquirer U.S. Sugar and Cravath representing target Imperial Sugar as the firms once again beat back yet another antitrust challenge—this time brought by the DOJ's Antitrust Division—challenging the \$315 million sugar tie-up announced in November. After a four-day bench trial in April, U.S. District Judge Maryellen Noreika in Delaware last week found that the government failed to establish both a relevant product and geographic market. "In the end, the court finds it more than curious that the government is purportedly concerned about anticompetitive harm and increased prices in an industry where the government itself keeps the prices high and, in many ways, controls the competition," the judge wrote. The Latham team representing U.S. Sugar included partners **Lawrence Buterman, Christopher Yates, Amanda Reeves, Jennifer Giordano, Lindsey Champlin** and **Kelly Fayne**, counsel **Elyse Greenwald**, and associates **Molly Barron, David Johnson, Chris Brown, Matthew Piehl, Jesse Vella, Graham Haviland, Leah Wisser, Christine Greeley** and **Saffa Khan**. The Cravath team representing Imperial Sugar was led by partners **Christine Varney, Timothy Cameron, Daniel Zach, Peter Barbur** and **David Marriott**.