

A Two-Week Edition of Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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► Shout out to an appellate team at **Latham & Watkins** that won the affirmance of the dismissal of a securities suit against Philip Morris International targeting the tobacco company's statements characterizing health studies of one of its e-cigarettes as "rigorous" and "the best science." A Second Circuit panel last month found that PMI's statements that its experiments complied with Good Clinical Practice were opinion statements, and that the plaintiffs failed to meet the high burden necessary to show those statements were false. The **Latham** team included partners **James Brandt**, **Kevin McDonough**, who argued the appeal for PMI, **Jooyoung Yeu**, **Andrew Clubok**, and **Kenneth Parsigian**, and associates **Matthew Valenti** and **Brent Murphy**.