

Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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► Runners-up honors also go to a trial team at **Latham & Watkins** and local co-counsel in Nevada at Robison, Sharp, Sullivan & Brust and McDonald Carano for securing a win for freelance talent platform Toptal. Jurors in Washoe County state court sided with Toptal in its claims that rival Mechanism Ventures, a company founded by tech investor Denis Grosz, interfered with Toptal's contractual relationships and awarded \$535,270 in actual damages against both the company and Grosz, while also denying Grosz's counterclaims against Toptal. After returning the initial verdict Friday on Veterans Day, jurors returned to court on *Saturday* to award Toptal \$15 million in punitive damages. The **Latham** team included **Andrew Clubok**, who handled opening and closings in the first phase of the trial, partner **Kevin McDonough**, associates **Megan Behrman, Jarred Muller, Shannon McLaughlin, Alison Boaz, Katherine Rouse, Daniel Grill, Molly Babad** and **Harry McAlevey**. Local co-counsel included Robison Sharp's Kent Robison, who closed on the punitive damages issue, and Hannah Winston, as well as Adam Hosmer-Henner at McDonald Carano.

Shout out to a **Latham** team that got a ruling this week from California's Fourth District Court of Appeal upholding a win for NextGen Healthcare Inc. in a rare trial over a "holder's" claim from former company board member Ahmed Hussein. The **Latham** team on the matter includes **Peter Wald, Michele Johnson**, who argued the appeal, **Andrew Gray, Nicholas Siciliano, Whitney Weber, Kathryn George, Marissa Perry, Allie O'Hara, Jordan Mundell** and **Sonya Shaikh**.