

Litigator of the Week

Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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► Shout-out to a securities litigation team at **Latham & Watkins**, who helped client Vroom Inc. beat back claims that the company made misleading statements about its e-commerce platform for used cars in the run-up to its \$468 million IPO in June 2020 and a September 2020 follow-on offering. Last week, U.S. District Senior Judge Paul Gardephe in Manhattan found that none of the 50-plus challenged statements regarding the company's financial condition and customer service capacity were actionably false. The **Latham** team was led by partners **Jeff Hammel** and **Jason Hegt** and included associates **Alexis Kellert Godfrey**, **Justin Kirschner** and **Larry Hong**. (Quick sidenote: Hammel also scored dismissals of securities claims against Sotera Health Co. and the banks that underwrote fintech company dLocal's IPO the same day the Vroom win came.) A team at Willkie Farr & Gallagher led by partners Todd Cosenza and Charles Dean Cording, with associate Khara John, represented the underwriter defendants in the Vroom case.