

Litigator of the Week

Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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➤ Shout-out to lawyers at **Latham & Watkins** who represent Hayward Holdings, a designer and manufacturer of pool equipment, and lawyers at Willkie Farr & Gallagher and Seyfarth Shaw who represent the company's private equity sponsors, CCMP and MSD, respectively. U.S. District Judge William Martini in New Jersey dismissed a securities lawsuit claiming the company made false and misleading statements about its inventory and distribution channels after growth in demand in the pool industry at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, the judge dismissed claims against the private equity defendants with prejudice, finding neither was the "maker" of Hayward's statements. The Latham team representing Hayward includes partners **Kevin McDonough** and **Andrew Clubok**, counsel **Corey Calabrese**, and associates **Eric Pettis**, **Larry Hong** and **Rosa Vargas**. The Willkie team representing CCMP includes partner Tariq Mundiya, counsel Joshua Levy and law clerk Matthew Davis. The team at Seyfarth representing MSD includes partners Gary Friedman, Daphne Morduchowitz, Vincent Sama and Catherine Schumacher and associates Matthew Catalano and Sarah Fedner.