

## Encore! Encore! Here are the 2020 Litigators of the Week

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Lest we at the Litigation Daily be accused of turning too often to the usual suspects for Litigator of the Week honors, I'll have you know that my back of the envelope tabulations shows that we honored a grand total of 35 different law firms over the course of the year. (OK, I might have broken out an Excel spreadsheet.) That's not even counting pro bono partners who were co-honorees.

But, let's be honest: Some firms make a habit out of landing the LOTW trophy over and over again. Is there a trophy? If not, we've got to get one, right? One of those pass-it-around types like the Stanley Cup, I'm imagining.

In 2020, seven law firms etched their name in our imaginary trophy multiple times: **Latham &**

**Watkins; Morgan, Lewis & Bockius; and Hogan Lovells** all landed in our Friday headlines twice. **Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; Quinn Emanuel Urquhardt & Sullivan;** and Sidley Austin all did it an impressive four times. But not to be outdone, those uber-competitive litigators over at **Kirkland & Ellis** landed LOTW honors a whopping eight times, with three partners, **Adam Alper, Mike De Vries** and **Andrew Kassof** all landing a share of the top spot two times a piece.

Here's one last congratulations to all our 2020 winners, and best of luck to all of you in 2021! Rest assured there's room for your name on our imaginary trophy.



**Michele Johnson, left, and Jamie Wine, right.**

### Latham Team Shoots and Scores for U.S. Soccer Federation

“What we did was prove that the women’s team in fact made more than the men’s team in total compensation and on a per game basis,” said Latham & Watkins partners **Jamie Wine** and **Michele Johnson**.



**Leslie Caldwell and Catherine Palmer at Latham & Watkins**

### The Latham Team That Whittled DOJ’s ‘China Initiative’ Case Against UMC Down to a Single-Count Plea Deal

In a case where the DOJ was initially seeking a penalty of as much as \$9 billion on charges of economic espionage and trade secret theft, Latham’s **Leslie Caldwell** and **Catherine Palmer** negotiated a \$60 million fine and a guilty plea to one count of receiving and possessing a stolen trade secret.