

Another Insanely Impressive Batch of Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

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➤ Runners-up honors also go out to lawyers at **Latham & Watkins** and Morrison & Foerster who represent Avadel Pharmaceuticals, which is seeking FDA approval for a new branded narcolepsy drug. The Federal Circuit this week in a precedential opinion affirmed a district court decision ordering Avadel's rival Jazz Pharmaceuticals to request that the FDA delist a patent regarding a safety program for its own branded narcolepsy drug from the agency's "Orange Book." As highlighted in The New York Times this week, that move had put an automatic 30-month hold on the FDA considering the approval of Avadel's drug. The Latham team heading up Avadel's team on the expedited appeal was led by partners **Ken Schuler, Gabriel Bell, and Marc Zubick**, with Bell handling oral argument. The Latham team also includes partner **Herman Yue** and associates **Alex Grabowski, Sarah Wang, Audra Sawyer, Charlie Dameron, Sarah Propst, Franco Benyamin, David Hlavka, Michelle Chin and Joe Akalski**. Latham's co-counsel at the district court includes Daralyn Durie, Kira Davis, Katherine McNutt and Rebecca Weires of Morrison Foerster and Daniel Silver of McCarter & English.