

# Gibson Dunn Team Named Litigator of the Week Runner-Up

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A Gibson Dunn team has earned runner-up honors from Litigation Daily's Litigator of the Week for its significant victory for free speech and the free press on behalf of non-profit online newsroom Mississippi Today.

Our team secured the dismissal of a defamation lawsuit brought by former Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant, who alleged that Mississippi Today had defamed him through comments made by its personnel regarding the outlet's Pulitzer Prize-winning reporting about Bryant's alleged role in a welfare scandal. The Mississippi Circuit Court stated that Bryant had failed to plead any legally viable claims. (The case is Bryant, et al. v. Deep South Today d/b/a Mississippi Today, et al.)

Our winning team included partners Ted Boutrous, Lee Crain, and Katie Townsend and associates Chase Weidner, Justine Drohan, Iason Togias, and Peter Jacobs.

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