

Litigator of the (Past) Week Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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A Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher led by partners Allyson Ho, Michael Raiff and associate Elizabeth Kiernan represented energy generators and retailers associated with Luminant Energy Company and Vistra Corp. in Texas multidistrict litigation stemming from Winter Storm Uri. The Gibson Dunn team took the lead in briefing on behalf of all generator defendants seeking to uphold an intermediate appellate court decision below knocking out all the personal injury and property claims stemming from the storm. The Texas Supreme Court last week upheld the generator defendants' win below without issuing an opinion. The decision brings the five-year litigation that potentially involved billions in claims to a close on the pleadings without discovery. The Gibson Dunn team included associates Stephen Hammer, Rebecca Roman and Arjun Ogale.

Shout-out to teams at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld representing the Public Broadcasting Service and at Gibson Dunn representing National Public Radio that secured an injunction against an executive order forcing all federal agencies to refrain from funding NPR and PBS. U.S. District Judge Randolph Moss last week found that the executive order violated the First Amendment since it "singles out two speakers and, on the basis of their speech, bars them from all federally funded programs." The Akin team representing PBS was led by Julius Chen and Pratik Shah. The Gibson Dunn team representing NPR was led by Ted Boutrous, Miguel Estrada and Katie Townsend and of counsel Sophia Brill.

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