

Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout-Outs

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Defense teams led by Bill Burck and Avi Perry of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan and Reed Brodsky of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher won jury acquittals for the two co-CEOs of Next Jump in a public corruption case where federal prosecutors previously won the conviction of the Navy official they were accused of bribing for military contracts. Federal jurors in the District of Columbia found Next Jump co-CEOs Yongchul “Charlie” Kim and Meghan Messenger not guilty of bribery, corruption and illegal gratuity. (The last of those charges—added after a deadlocked jury in a prior trial in the co-CEOs’ case despite defense objections—lacks a “corrupt” *mens rea* element.) The defense teams previously got their clients’ trial severed from the government’s case against their codefendant, retired Adm. Robert Burke, who was convicted on four counts last year, including conspiracy and accepting a bribe. The Quinn Emanuel team representing Kim included Chris Clore, Fritz Scanlon, Rachel Frank Quinton, Matthew Feibert and Richard Ong. The Gibson Dunn team representing Messenger included of counsel Sam Raymond and associates Francesca Broggin and Eleonora Viotto.

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