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## Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein Announces Dismissal of Crew Lawsuit

*Dismissal seen as one of the final steps in helping facilitate sale of team*

**COLUMBUS**—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that the City of Columbus and the State of Ohio have filed a notice with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to dismiss their joint lawsuit against Major League Soccer and Precourt Sports Ventures. The petition for dismissal is being done without prejudice pending the sale of the team. By seeking to dismiss without prejudice, the city and state, amongst other things, are signaling that they still believe the merits of their case are valid.

The lawsuit, which was originally filed in March to enforce Ohio’s so-called “Modell Law” ([Ohio Revised Code § 9.67](#)), withstood several legal challenges prior to the announcement that an investor group led by the Haslam and Edwards families intended to acquire the operating rights to keep the Crew Soccer Club in Columbus.

**“From the start, this litigation was about keeping the Crew in Columbus, and I believe we are finally there. After having conversations with the new ownership group, I believe that it’s time to tentatively dismiss the lawsuit so that the deal can be finalized, and once it’s done, the case can be permanently closed,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. “I can’t thank #SaveTheCrew enough for having my back as we did the unexpected—we saved the Crew. I’m looking forward to celebrating the launch of the 2019 season right here in Columbus on March 2nd!”**

A copy of the notice for dismissal is available [online](#).

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