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City Attorney Zach Klein Issues Statement on Dismissal of Columbus Crew Appeal

*10th District Court of Appeals rules in City's favor to send case back to the
trial court*

COLUMBUS, OH—In response to the 10th District Court of Appeals dismissal of an appeal filed by Precourt Sports Ventures and Major League Soccer (MLS), Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein stated today that his office is once again focused on the merits of their original motion to toll, or pause, the six-month time period for a local investor to purchase the Columbus Crew.

“We are obviously pleased with the 10th District’s ruling dismissing the appeal and we look forward to restarting the process set up by Judge Brown. This has been a minor detour and now we can get back to the business of seeing whether we can Save The Crew and keep the team in Columbus,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.

On May 8, 2018 the Franklin County Court of Common pleas entered an order granting the Columbus City Attorney’s motion to toll, while also granting a partial stay of discovery during the tolling period, and ordered a court-supervised negotiation process to determine if a local purchaser of the Columbus Crew could be identified. Precourt and MLS appealed this decision to the 10th District Court of Appeals.

In today’s decision, the appellate court declared that “the trial court has yet to render a final appealable order in this case and we must dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction. The order is not final, principally because [Precourt and MLS] have not established that they are deprived of a meaningful and effective remedy by an appeal at a later stage of the proceedings after the trial court has rendered rulings on substantive aspects of the case.”

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