

Miller Quoted in *Columbus Dispatch* Story Titled “Developer Sues Worthington over Methodist Children's Property”

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Joe Miller, a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and the chair of the firm’s litigation group, was quoted in a *Columbus Dispatch* story about a lawsuit filed in federal court over the City of Worthington’s refusal to approve development of a property.

The story states:

“Lifestyle Communities, which owns the 38-acre site on High Street, filed the suit Thursday in federal court, calling the city’s refusal to allow the property to be developed ‘an outrageous abuse of power.’

The lawsuit is the culmination of a battle between developers and the city over the property that began in 2011, when the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church put the property for sale after closing the residential youth center on the site.

Since then, several plans to put residential and commercial development on the site have met city resistance. Lifestyle Communities, which bought the site in 2017, filed the suit after a series of unusual steps by the Council in January that effectively prevented Lifestyle from advancing its plan to develop the property.

“This is the most egregious misuse of power and process by a local government I’ve ever seen in my career,” said Joseph Miller, an attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, who filed the suit on behalf of Lifestyle.”

To read the entire story, please visit the *Columbus Dispatch* [website](#). (Subscription may be required).