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Texas Business Court Dismisses All of Michael Crain's Claims Against Will Northern

Final Judgment orders that Crain "shall recover nothing as to all claims asserted against Northern"

FORT WORTH, Texas — After more than a year, Judge Bullard of the Eighth Division of the Texas Business Court in Fort Worth, has dismissed the last of City Councilman, Michael Crain's lawsuit against his former business associate, Will Northern. In the Court's Final Judgment signed on August 6, 2026, the Court rendered judgment in favor of Northern and ordered that Crain "shall recover nothing as to all claims asserted against Northern."

This successfully concludes Northern's defense of Crain's efforts to force Northern to include him in Northern's Woodhaven redevelopment project. Northern summarizes that "In my opinion, Michael Crain used the Courts in an attempt to profit from the Woodhaven redevelopment project in which he had no interest, he invested no time, money or effort."

This dismissal confirms that Crain had no valid claims against any of the Crescendo Defendants. Crain was obligated to sell all of his membership interests in the Northern Crain Companies to Northern six (6) months before he filed his lawsuit so that he never had a right to bring suit on behalf of the Northern Crain Companies. And the Final Judgment dismissing all of Crain's claims shows that Crain never had any legitimate claims against Northern or the other parties that Crain sued.

In June of 2025, Crain filed his lawsuit against Northern and four (4) other defendants, including the attorney that Northern retained to structure the Woodhaven project and the Limited Partnership of investors who financed the project. Crain's lawsuit was 40 pages long and asserted fifteen (15) causes of action. Before final dismissal, Crain amended his lawsuit two (2) times.

Yet, all of Crain's claims filed on behalf of the Northern Crain Companies have been dismissed. All of Crain's claims against attorney Tyler Goldthwaite have been dismissed. All of Crain's claims against the Crescendo Companies and the Woodhaven limited partnership that acquired the Woodhaven properties have been dismissed. And the Court has ruled that Crain is no longer an owner of the Northern Crain Companies and was not when he filed the lawsuit.

Northern's legal team at Cotten Schmidt, L.L.P., headed by Randall Schmidt, successfully obtained dismissals of all of the claims against all of the defendants prior to the trial scheduled for this month. In the process, Crain was ordered to sell all of his interests in the Northern Crain Companies (Northern Crain, LLC, Northern Crain Realty, LLC, and Northern Crain Property Management, LLC) to Northern under the Texas Shootout buy-sell option initiated by Northern in 2024. And Crain was ordered to reimburse Northern for Northern's attorney fees to enforce that buy out and all of Northern's court costs.

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