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Gibson Dunn Scores Decisive Win for Bitdeer by Defeating Motion for Preliminary Injunction Against Development of Bitcoin Mining Data Center

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Gibson Dunn defeated a motion for preliminary injunction on November 18, 2026, that would have stalled the development by client Bitdeer of a bitcoin mining data center that is set to begin construction imminently. The project is a large-scale, 570 MGW site at a former aluminum plant on the Ohio River that plans to use the power for bitcoin mining; Bitdeer has already invested millions in its development.

The lawsuit, brought by a neighboring tenant operating a steel mill, American Heavy Plate, alleges that the neighboring Bitdeer lease is void because of its potential impacts on their operation of the steel mill. After issuing a TRO before opposition papers were filed, the Court set an evidentiary hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction. Following the presentation of Plaintiff's evidence, Gibson Dunn moved for denial of the preliminary injunction and dissolution of the TRO based on Plaintiff's failure to meet the burden necessary for either order. The Court agreed, cutting short the evidentiary hearing and obviating the need for the full presentation of the defendants' witnesses. The matter is a decisive win in a legal landscape that has proven hostile to the development of data centers.

Partner Dione Garlick served as lead trial counsel at the hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction. The winning Gibson Dunn team also included partners James Fogelman and Gabriel Herrmann and associates Jamila MacEbong, Sean McCroskey, and Aliya Crochetiere.

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