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Judge Dismisses Local Zoning Lawsuit Over Future \$5B Rivian EV Plant

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Charlie Peeler, a partner with Troutman Pepper, was quoted in the January 3, 2024 *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* article, [“Judge Dismisses Local Zoning Lawsuit Over Future \\$5B Rivian EV Plant.”](#)

During a November hearing, attorney Charlie Peeler, who represents the state, argued that Bradley should dismiss the lawsuit because state-owned land is not subject to local regulation, part of a legal concept called sovereign immunity.

“The plaintiffs have never cited a single case where a local restriction was imposed on state-owned property,” Peeler said.

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