

2012 IL 113107

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT  
OF  
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

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(Docket Nos. 113107, 113128 cons.)

CENTER PARTNERS, LTD., *et al.*, Appellees, v. GROWTH HEAD  
GP, LLC, *et al.*, Appellants.

*Opinion filed November 29, 2012.*

JUSTICE GARMAN delivered the judgment of the court, with  
opinion.

Chief Justice Kilbride and Justices Freeman, Thomas, Karmeier,  
Burke, and Theis concurred in the judgment and opinion.

OPINION

¶ 1 Defendants appeal from a circuit court of Cook County order that  
granted plaintiffs' motion to compel the production of certain  
documents containing privileged attorney-client communications.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>There are numerous parties in this case, and referring to all the parties  
by name would be onerous and confusing. The parties are as follows.  
Defendants: Growth Head GP, LLC, Westfield America Limited  
Partnership, Westfield America, Inc., Westfield America Trust, Rouse-  
Urban, LLC, TRCGP Inc., The Rouse Company, L.P., The Rouse  
Company, Rouse LLC, GGP L.P., General Growth Properties, Inc., Urban  
Shopping Centers, L.P., Head Acquisition L.P., SPG Head GP, LLC, Simon  
Property Group, LP, and Simon Property Group, Inc. Urban Shopping  
Centers, L.P., Head Acquisition L.P., SPG Head GP, LLC, Simon Property  
Group, LP, and Simon Property Group, Inc. do not appeal from the circuit  
court's order on the motion to compel.

Plaintiffs are Center Partners, Ltd., Urban-Water Tower Associates,