

ADMISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

Phillip Allen, d/b/a Allen's Jewelry Service, Plaintiff

vs) No. 13-C-260 (Kanawha County)

Reeds Jewelers of North Carolina, Inc., a North Carolina corporation, and Tim Hadden, Defendants

The Honorable James C. Stucky, Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, has advised the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals that Defendants Reeds Jewelers of North Carolina, Inc., n/k/a Reeds Jewelers, Inc., and Tim Hadden, by counsel, J. Mark Adkins, Esq., Brittany Leah Vascik, Esq., and the law firm of Bowles Rice LLP, filed a motion to refer the above-styled case to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules ("TCR"). The motion and the reply memorandum were carefully reviewed by the Chief Justice for his consideration.

TCR 29.06(c)(1) provides that the Chief Justice may act directly upon the motion or may direct the Division to conduct a hearing and make recommendations concerning coordinated or consolidated proceedings under this rule.

The Chief Justice has determined that such motion requires a hearing to receive evidence and to entertain arguments relative to the issue of whether this case should be referred to the Business Court Division.

It is therefore ORDERED that the Business Court Division or a designated member thereof is directed to conduct a hearing, in order to receive evidence and to entertain arguments by the parties or any judge, and submit findings of fact and a recommendation to the Chief Justice.

It is further ORDERED that a copy of this ORDER be transmitted to the Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes, Chair of the Business Court Division; to the Central Office of the Business Court Division; to the Honorable James C. Stucky; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: MAY 2, 2013



BRENT D. BENJAMIN
Chief Justice