

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

SOUTHCO DEVELOPMENT, LLC,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-C-575

v.

**MONONGALIA COUNTY** DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC., and HOLLY CHILDS,

Defendants.

LARSON DESIGN'S REPLY MEMORANDUM TO THE PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO REFER MATTER TO BUSINESS COURT DIVISION

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The Defendant, Larson Design Group, Inc. ("Larson") brings the following response to the Plaintiff's Motion to Refer Matter to Business Court Division. Larson joins in those arguments set forth more fully in the Reply Memorandum filed by Monongalia County Development Authority ("MCDA") and objects to the removal of the case the Business Court as it does not involve a complex commercial litigation case between business entities.

Larson Design maintains that this case does not meet the criteria for removal to the Business Court Division. The Honorable Phillip D. Gaujot, in The Circuit Court of Monongalia, County, West Virginia, is capable of presiding over this matter and a jury can adequately decide these issues.

# THEREFORE, Larson Design respectfully requests that the Court deny the Plaintiff's Motion to Refer Matter to Business Court Division.

LARSON DESIGN GROUP, INC. By Counsel,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017, I served the foregoing Larson Design's Reply Memorandum to Defendants' Motion to Refer Matter to Business Court Division, upon the following, via United States Mail, postage prepaid:

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