ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

Michael A. Lormand, Executor of the Estate of Charles P. Winkler Jr., deceased, Plaintiff

vs. Civil Action No. 14-C-1774 (Kanawha County)

Kimberly W. Winkler, an individual and Kanawha County resident, and Premiere Liquor Warehouse, LLC, a West Virginia limited liability company, Defendants

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Plaintiff Michael A. Lormand, Executor of the Estate of Charles P. Winkler Jr., deceased, by counsel, Gordon C. Lane Sr. and the law firm of Lane & Young, has filed a motion to refer the above-referenced case to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules.

Although it appears that numerous pleadings were filed by the parties regarding referral to the Business Court Division between September 2014 and May 2016, none of those pleadings were previously transmitted to the Clerk of this Court pursuant to Rule 29. Nevertheless, all of those pleadings have now been reviewed.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and other pleadings, the Chief Justice has determined that this dispute does not require specialized treatment to improve the expectation of a fair and reasonable resolution, and, therefore, this case does not meet the criteria for referral under Rule 29.04(a)(2) of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules.

It is hereby ORDERED that the motion to refer this case to the Business Court Division is DENIED and 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 Jennifer F. Bailey, Chief Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; 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 31, 2017

ALLEN H. LOUGHRY II

Chief Justice