

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

**Stockmeier Urethanes U.S.A., Inc.,
a West Virginia Corporation,
Plaintiff**

vs.) Civil Action No. 17-C-349-2 (Harrison County)

**Roger Smith,
Defendant**

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Defendant Roger Smith, by counsel, Gregory H. Schillace and the Schillace Law Office, 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.

The Honorable Thomas A. Bedell, Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, has filed a response. Plaintiff Stockmeier Urethanes U.S.A., Inc., by counsel, Susan L. Deniker, Shawn A. Morgan, and the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, and Alex M. Greenberg, Brian J. Moore, and the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, filed a response in opposition to the motion to refer.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the responses thereto, 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 Thomas A. Bedell, Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: APRIL 13, 2018

Handwritten signature of Margaret L. Workman in cursive script.

MARGARET L. WORKMAN
Chief Justice