

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

**James K. Abcouwer,
Plaintiff**

vs.) Civil Action No. 12-C-416 (Kanawha County)


**Trans Energy, Inc.
a foreign corporation,
Defendant**

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Plaintiff James K. Abcouwer, by counsel, Marvin W. Masters, Kimberly K. Parmer, and The Masters Law Firm lc, and Defendant Trans Energy, Inc., by counsel, Kevin L. Carr, Mitchell J. Rhein, and the law firm of Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC, and Scott P. Drake, Rebecca O. Powell, and the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright US L.L.P., have filed a joint motion to refer the above-referenced case to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules.

Upon careful review and consideration of the joint motion, 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 Charles E. King Jr., 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: APRIL 13, 2018


MARGARET L. WORKMAN
Chief Justice