ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

Worldwide Equipment Leasing, Inc., a Foreign Corporation, Plaintiff

vs.) Civil Action No. 18-C-374 (Raleigh County)

Crook Brothers, Inc. f/k/a Multifresh, Inc., a West Virginia Corporation; Crook Brothers Trucking, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Company; Crook Cold Storage, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Company; and Kenneth Crook, Defendants

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Plaintiff Worldwide Equipment Leasing, Inc., by counsel, Mark E. Troy and the Troy Law Firm, PLLC, 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. Defendants Crook Brothers, Inc., Crook Brothers Trucking, LLC, Crook Cold Storage, LLC, and Kenneth Crook, by counsel, Johnson W. Gabhart and the law firm of Johnstone & Gabhart, LLP, filed a response in opposition to the motion to refer.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the response 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 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 Michael D. Lorensen, Chair of the Business Court Division; to the Central Office of the Business Court Division; to the Honorable Darl Poling, Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Raleigh County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: APRIL 10, 2019

ELIZABETH D. WALKER

Miller

Chief Justice