ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

Julius Wolford, Plaintiff

vs. Civil Action No. 20-C-660 (Kanawha County)
Supreme Court Docket No. 20-BCD-18

Form Tech Concrete Forms, Inc., a Michigan corporation,
Defendant

and

Form Tech Concrete Forms, Inc., a Michigan corporation, Third-Party Plaintiff

vs.

Construction Solutions & Leasing, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Company, Third-Party Defendant

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Form Tech Concrete Forms, Inc., by counsel Roberta F. Green and Christopher D. Negley, Shuman McCuskey Slicer PLLC, has filed a motion to refer the above-styled action to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules ("TCR"). Julius Wolford, by counsel Christopher D. Pence and Justin K. Chandler, Hardy Pence PLLC, filed a reply memorandum in opposition to the motion to refer.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the reply memorandum filed thereto, the Chief Justice has determined that the principal claims in the action involve matters of significance to the transactions, operations, or governance between business entities as required by TCR 29.04(a)(1). The mere fact that the action involves an individual does not, of itself, exclude the case from eligibility. The Chief Justice has further determined that specialized treatment is likely to improve the expectation of a fair and reasonable resolution of the controversy as required by TCR 29.04(a)(2), and the motion to refer should therefore be granted.

It is hereby ORDERED that the motion to refer this action to the Business Court Division is granted, and this order shall be transmitted to the Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Chair of the Business Court Division, for assignment of a presiding judge and such other actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of TCR 29.

It is further ORDERED that a copy of this ORDER be transmitted to the Central Office of the Business Court Division; to the Honorable Jennifer F. Bailey, 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: DECEMBER 30, 2020

TIM ARMSTEAD
Chief Justice