

MAPLE LAKE CLUB, INC., Plaintiff

vs.

Harrison County Civil Action No. CC-17-2023-C-44 Supreme Court Docket No. 23-405

BENEDUM AIRPORT AUTHORITY, WOLFE'S EXCAVATING, LLC, and THE THRASHER GROUP, INC., Defendants

ORDER GRANTING REFERRAL

On June 30, 2023, the Honorable Thomas A. Bedell, Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, filed a judicial motion to refer this case to the Business Court Division in accordance with Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules ("TCR"). On July 20, 2023, the plaintiff Maple Lake Club, Inc., by counsel William M. Tiano, Tiano O'Dell, PLLC and Thomas G. Dyer and Zachary S. Dyer, Dyer Law; the defendant Wolfe's Excavating, by counsel Teresa J. Dumire and Margaret E. Lewis, Kay Casto & Chaney PLLC; the defendant Thrasher Group, Inc., by counsel J. Mark Adkins, Unaiza R. Tyree, and Zachary J. Rosencrance, Bowles Rice LLP; and the defendant Benedum Airport Authority, by counsel Lindsay M. Saad and Lauren E. Motes, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, filed a joint response in support of the motion to refer.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion, 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), and 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).

It is ORDERED that the motion to refer this action to the Business Court Division is GRANTED.

The Clerk of Court shall provide a copy of this order 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; to the Central Office of the Business Court Division, to the Honorable Thomas A. Bedell, Judge of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Harrison County.

ENTERED: JULY 26, 2023

COURT OF THE COURT

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Chief Justice