

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

GLADE SPRINGS VILLAGE PROPERTY
OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiff

vs.

Raleigh County Civil Action No. 21-C-129
Supreme Court Docket No. 21-BCD-12

COOPER LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC., and
JUSTICE HOLDINGS, LLC,
Defendants

ORDER GRANTING REFERRAL

On June 4, 2021, the defendant, Cooper Land Development, Inc., by counsel, Philip J. Combs, Andrew B. Cooke, M. David Griffith, Jr., and James S. Arnold, Thomas Combs & Spann, PLLC, filed a motion to refer this case to the Business Court Division in accordance with Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules ("TCR"). The plaintiff, Glade Springs Village Property Owners Association, Inc., by counsel, Mark A. Sadd and Ramonda C. Marling, Lewis Glasser PLLC, filed a response to the motion to refer on June 24, 2021.

On June 30, 2021, the defendant, by counsel, filed a motion for leave to file a reply in support of its motion to refer. The reply was submitted on June 24, 2021. The plaintiff, by counsel, filed a response to the motion for leave to file a reply on July 7, 2021. The motion for leave to file a reply is granted and the reply is ordered filed.

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 Robert A. Burnside, Judge of the Circuit Court of Mingo County, and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Raleigh County.

ENTERED: OCTOBER 22, 2021




EVAN H. JENKINS
Chief Justice