

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

DOUGLAS E. GRIFFITH, JR.,  
an individual, and  
iLEASE & RENTALS, LLC,  
A West Virginia Limited Liability Company,  
Plaintiffs

vs.

Harrison Civil Action No. 20-C-231  
Supreme Court Docket No. 21-BCD-13

MVB BANK, INC., a West Virginia Corporation, and  
JARED FURGASON, an individual,  
Defendants

**ORDER GRANTING REFERRAL**

On June 8, 2021, the plaintiffs, Douglas E. Griffith, Jr. and iLease & Rentals, LLC, by counsel, Robert P. Fitzsimmons, Fitzsimmons Law Firm, PLLC; and Holly S. Planinsic, Herndon, Morton, Herndon & Yaeger, 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"). On June 15, 2021, the Honorable James A. Matish, Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, filed a reply in support of referral.

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). The mere fact that the action involves individuals does not exclude the case from eligibility.

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 counsel, 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 14, 2021



  
EVAN H. JENKINS  
Chief Justice