ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

FREEDA LARCH and JIMMIE LARCH, Plaintiffs

vs.

Kanawha Civil Action No. 17-C-1032 Supreme Court Docket No. 22-BCD-01

BURDETTE REALTY IMPROVEMENT, INC., and JON BURDETTE, Defendants

ORDER DENYING REFERRAL

On January 6, 2022, the defendants, Burdette Realty Improvement, Inc. and Jon Burdette, by counsel, Christopher L. Hamb, Craig S. Beeson, and Lindsay M. Stollings, Robinson & McElwee PLLC; and P. Rodney Jackson, Law Offices of P. Rodney Jackson, 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 January 25, 2022, the plaintiffs, Jimmie and Freeda Larch, by counsel, Harvey D. Peyton, The Peyton Law Firm, PLLC, filed a response opposing the motion to refer.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the response, the Chief Justice has determined that this dispute does not require specialized treatment to improve the expectation of a fair and reasonable resolution, and this case does not meet the criteria for referral under T.C.R. 29.04(a)(2).

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

The Clerk of Court shall provide a copy of this order to the Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Chair of the Business Court Division, the Central Office of the Business Court Division, the Honorable Tera L. Salango, Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County.

ENTERED: FEBRUARY 2, 2022

COURT OF THE COURT

JOHN A. HUTCHISON

Chief Justice