ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

LINDA PROPST, individually and on behalf of PROPST PLUMBING AND HEATING, INC., Plaintiff

VS.

Jefferson County Civil Action No. CC-19-2021-C-141 Supreme Court Docket No. 22-BCD-06

PROPST PLUMBING AND HEATING, INC., P.D. PROPST ENTERPRISES, LLC, PAUL D. PROPST, SR., PAUL D. PROPST, JR., Defendants

ORDER DENYING REFERRAL

On April 6, 2022, the defendants, Propst Plumbing and Heating, Inc., by counsel, Peter L. Chakmakian; P.D. Propst Enterprises, LLC and Paul D. Propst, Jr., by counsel, Richard G. Gay; and Paul D. Propst, Sr., by counsel, F. Samuel Byrer, filed a joint 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, Linda Propst, by counsel, Alex A. Tsiatsos, filed a reply to the motion to refer on April 15, 2022.

On April 27, 2022, the defendants, by counsel, filed a motion for leave to file a response to the reply. The plaintiffs, by counsel, filed a response to the motion on May 11, 2022. Upon consideration of the motion for leave to file a response to the reply, it is refused.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion to refer and the reply, 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 David Hammer, Judge of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County.

ENTERED: JUNE 14, 2022

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JOHN A. HUTCHISON

Chief Justice