

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

TRI-STATE AMBULANCE, INC.,
Plaintiff

vs.

Ohio County Civil Action No. **20-C-155**
Supreme Court Docket No. **22-BCD-09**

WHEELING HOSPITAL, INC.,
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS, INC.,
HEALTHTEAM CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT, LLC,
and HEALTHNET AEROMEDICAL SERVICES, INC.,
Defendants

ORDER GRANTING REFERRAL

On June 28, 2022, the defendant, West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc., by counsel, Christine S. Vaglianti, 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 July 7, 2022, the plaintiff, Tri-State Ambulance, Inc., by counsel, Robert J. D’Anniballe, Jr., Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, filed a response not opposing the motion. The defendants, HealthTeam Critical Care Transport, LLC and HealthNet Aeromedical Services, Inc., by counsel, Julie A. Moore and Michael C. Cardi, Bowles Rice LLP, filed a response not opposing the motion on July 14, 2022. Finally, on July 18, 2022, the defendant, Wheeling Hospital, Inc., by counsel, Paul N. Garinger, Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, filed a response consenting to and supporting the motion.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the responses, 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 Michael J. Olejasz, Judge of the Circuit Court of Ohio County, and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Ohio County.

ENTERED: AUGUST 23, 2022





JOHN A. HUTCHISON
Chief Justice