

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

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FIRELANDS WV LLC,
Petitioner

vs.

Kanawha Civil Action No. 23-C-227
Supreme Court Docket No. 23-225

SWORDFISH HOLDINGS, LLC, and
TARIFF LABS, LLC,
Respondents

ORDER GRANTING REFERRAL

On April 20, 2023, the petitioner, Firelands WV LLC, by counsel Stephen D. Annand, Kent J. George, and Jonathon C. Stanley, Robinson & McElwee 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"). On May 10, 2023, the respondent, Swordfish Holdings, LLC, by counsel Kenneth E. Webb, Jr. and Lindsay M. Gainer, Bowles Rice LLP, filed a response to the motion.


Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the response, 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 Maryclaire Akers, Judge of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County.

ENTERED: MAY 19, 2023





ELIZABETH D. WALKER
Chief Justice