ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

Jerry N. Black, M.D., Plaintiff

v. No. 15-C-15 (Upshur County)

St. Joseph's Hospital of Buckhannon, Inc., Defendant

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Defendant St. Joseph's Hospital of Buckhannon, Inc., by counsel, Robert M. Sellards, Nathan I. Brown, Sarah B. Massey, and the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, filed a motion to refer the above-styled case to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules. Plaintiff Jerry N. Black, M.D., by counsel, J. Burton Hunter, III, and the law firm of J. Burton Hunter, III and Associates, PLLC, filed a response in opposition to the motion to refer.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion, the Chief Justice has determined that this dispute does not require specialized treatment to improve the expectation of a fair and reasonable resolution, and therefore does not meet the criteria for referral under Rule 29.04(a)(2) of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules.

It is hereby ORDERED that the motion to refer this case to the Business Court Division is DENIED and that a copy of this order be transmitted to the Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes, Chair of the Business Court Division; to the Central Office of the Business Court Division; to the Honorable Jacob E. Reger, Judge of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Upshur County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: MAY 15, 2015

MARGARET L. WORKMAN Chief Justice