JUN 18 2015

RORY L. PERRY II, CLERK SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINI

DORAN H. FRAME, III; HIDDEN TRAILS MOTORSPORTS AND RENTALS, LLC, and HIDDEN TRAILS MOTORSPORTS, LLC,

Plaintiffs,

Kanawha County Circuit Court Civil Action No. 15-C-699

v.

ERIC HOLCOMB; HIDDEN TRAILS POWER SPORTS AND RENTALS, LLC, HIDDEN TRAILS RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, MOTORCYCLES & TRAILERS, LLC, and BLAKE PROPERTIES, LLC,

Defendants.

And

BLAKE PROPERTIES, LLC,

Counterclaim Plaintiff,

v.

HIDDEN TRAILS MOTORSPORTS AND RENTALS, LLC, HIDDEN TRAILS MOTORSPORTS, LLC, and DORAN H. FRAME, III

Counterclaim Defendants.

TO: THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE

MOTION TO REFER CASE TO THE BUSINESS COURT DIVISION

Pursuant to Rule 29.06 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Defendants, by counsel, Isaac R. Forman, Esq., respectfully request the above-styled case be referred to the Business Court Division.

In regard to additional related actions:

\square	There	are	no	known	re	lated	actions.
-----------	-------	-----	----	-------	----	-------	----------

 $\hfill \square$ The following related actions could be the subject of consolidation, and are now pending

01

may be filed in the future. (Please list case style, number, and Court if any)

This action involves: (Please check all that apply): ☑ Breach of Contract; ☐ Professional Liability Claims in Connection with the Rendering of Professional Services to ☑ Sale or Purchase of Commercial Entity; Sale or a Commercial Entity; Purchase of Commercial Real Estate: ☐ Anti-trust Actions between Commercial ☑ Sale or Purchase of Commercial Products Entities: Covered by the Uniform Commercial Code; ☐ Injunctive and Declaratory Relief Between ☑ Terms of a Commercial Lease; Commercial Commercial Entities: Non-consumer debts: ☑ Liability of Shareholders, Directors, Officers, ☐ Internal Affairs of a Commercial Entity:Trade Partners, etc.; Secrets and Trademark Infringement: ✓ Mergers, Consolidations, Sale of Assets, ✓ Non-compete Agreements; Issuance of Debt, Equity and Like Interest; ☐ Intellectual Property, Securities, Technology ☐ Shareholders Derivative Claims; Disputes; ☐ Commercial Bank Transactions; ☑ Commercial Torts: ☐ Franchisees/Franchisors: ☐ Insurance Coverage ☐ Internet, Electronic Commerce and ☐ Disputes in Commercial Insurance Policies: Biotechnology ☑ Disputes involving Commercial Entities; or ☐ Other (Describe) In support of this motion, this matter contains issues significant to businesses, and presents novel and/or complex commercial or technological issues for which specialized treatment will be helpful, as more fully described here: <u>Issues</u> significant to business entities include (1) the imposition of liability on members or managers of limited liability companies; (2) the treatment of written documents where subsequent allegations may contradict the written agreements; and (3) the enforcement of two commercial leases. From a technological perspective, the case will involve the potentially complex issue of analyzing alleged discrepancies in inventory statements generated by two distinct computerized inventory systems. In further support of this Motion, please find attached hereto an accurate copy of the operative complaint(s), the operative answer(s), the docket sheet, and the following other documents: Buy-Sell Agreement, Bill of Sale, Covenant Not to Compete, and operative leases. In regard to expedited review, the Movant: DOES NOT request an expedited review under W.Va. Trial Court Rule 29.06(a)(4),

and gives notice that all affected parties may file a memorandum stating their position,

in accordance with W.Va. Trial Court Rule 29.

☐ hereby REQUESTS that the Chief Justice grant this Motion to Refer without responses, pursuant to W.Va. Trial Court Rule 29.06(a)(4), and contends that the following constitutes good cause to do so: The dispute implicates a commercial lease for an ongoing business. The Lessee is withholding rent, presumably based on the litigation. Pursuant to the lease, the Lessor is entitled to recover reasonable costs and expenses. The efficiency of expedited review will reduce costs and expenses, thereby reducing the Lessor's potential damages. Most importantly, expedited review will save time and thereby reduce the period of withheld rent.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned hereby MOVES, pursuant to W.Va. Trial Court Rule 29, the Chief Justice of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals to refer this case to the Business Court Division.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Weintraub (WV Bar No. 8055)

Maryl C. Sattler (WV Bar. No. 11733)

Isaac R. Forman (WV Bar No. 11668)

Bailey & Glasser LLP

209 Capitol Street

Charleston, WV 25301

(304) 345-6555

(304) 342-1110 Fax

Counsel for Eric Holcomb, Hidden Trails Powersports & Rentals, LLC, Hidden Trails Recreational Vehicles, Motorcycles & Trailers, LLC, and Blake Properties, LLC

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

DORAN H. FRAME, III; HIDDEN TRAILS MOTORSPORTS AND RENTALS, LLC, and HIDDEN TRAILS MOTORSPORTS, LLC,

Plaintiffs,

I imitally

Kanawha County Circuit Court Civil Action No. 15-C-699

ERIC HOLCOMB; HIDDEN TRAILS POWER SPORTS AND RENTALS, LLC, HIDDEN TRAILS RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, MOTORCYCLES & TRAILERS, LLC, and BLAKE PROPERTIES, LLC,

Defendants.

And

v.

BLAKE PROPERTIES, LLC,

Counterclaim Plaintiff,

v.

HIDDEN TRAILS MOTORSPORTS AND RENTALS, LLC, HIDDEN TRAILS MOTORSPORTS, LLC, and DORAN H. FRAME, III

Counterclaim Defendants.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Isaac R. Forman, counsel for Eric Holcomb, Hidden Trails Power Sports and Rentals, LLC; Hidden Trails Recreational Vehicles, Motorcycles, and Trailers, LLC; and Blake Properties, LLC, certify that a true copy of "Motion to Refer Case to the Business Court Division" was this day served on the following via U.S. Mail, properly addressed as follows, on this 17th day of June, 2015:

The Honorable James C. Stucky Kanawha County Judicial Building P.O. Box 2351 111 Court Street Charleston, WV 25301

Cathy S. Gatson, Circuit Clerk Kanawha County Judicial Building P.O. Box 2351 111 Court Street Charleston, WV 25301

Business Court Division Berkeley County Judicial Center Suite 2100 380 W. South Street Martinsburg, WV 25401

Howard M. Persinger III (WV Bar No. 6943) Persinger & Persinger, L.C. 237 Capitol Street Charleston, WV 25301 (304) 346-9333 (304) 346-9337 Fax

Isaac R. Forman (WV Bar No. 11668) Bailey & Glasser LLP 209 Capitol Street Charleston, WV 25301 (304) 345-6555 (304) 342-1110 Fax iforman@baileyglasser.com