ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

Greatwide Cheetah Transportation, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, successor in interest to Cheetah Transportation, LLC, Plaintiff

vs.) Civil Action No. 14-C-106 (Preston County)

Ronald O. Slemboski Jr., an individual, Sandra L. Slemboski, an individual, d/b/a MTF Agency, and Medallion Transport and Logistics, LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company, Defendants

The Honorable Lawrance S. Miller, Jr., Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, has filed a motion to refer the above-referenced action to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules. Plaintiff Greatwide Cheetah Transportation, LLC, by counsel, Wendy G. Adkins, and the law firm of Jackson Kelly PLLC, and Lawrence J. Murphy, Timothy P. Monsma, and the law firm of Varnum LLP, has filed a response concurring with the motion to refer. Defendants Ronald O. Slemboski Jr. and Sandra L. Slemboski, by counsel, Steven L. Shaffer, and the law firm of Estep & Shaffer, L.C., have filed a response in opposition to the motion to refer. Defendant Medallion Transport and Logistics, LLC, by counsel, Heather M. Noel, James D. Stacy, and the law firm of MacCorkle Lavender PLLC, has also filed a response in opposition to the motion to refer.

The Chief Justice has determined that this matter should not be referred to the Business Court Division because the case has been pending for some time and considerable effort has been made towards resolution. In light of the procedural posture of the case, no party will be prejudiced if the January 2017 trial date is delayed in order to accommodate the circuit judge's schedule in other matters.

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 Lawrance S. Miller Jr., Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Preston County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: OCTOBER 24, 2016

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Chief Justice