ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

LP Enterprises, LLC d/b/a LP In-Store Services, LLC, Plaintiff

vs. Civil Action No. 16-C-213 (Jefferson County)

Leafguard of Maryland, Inc. d/b/a Leafguard of Maryland and Northern Virginia/Beldon, Defendant

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Plaintiff LP Enterprises, LLC d/b/a LP In-Store Services, LLC, by counsel, Ryan S. Marsteller, and the law firm of Bailes, Craig & Yon, PLLC, and Defendant Leafguard of Maryland, Inc., d/b/a Leafguard of Maryland and Northern Virginia/Beldon, by counsel, Eric J. Hulett, Meredith J. Risati, and the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, have filed a joint motion to refer the above-referenced case to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules.

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, this case 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 David H. Sanders, Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: NOVEMBER 9, 2016

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Chief Justice