

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

**United Bank, Inc., a West Virginia
banking corporation,
Plaintiff**

vs. Civil Action No. 16-C-1486 (Kanawha County)


**Criswell French, PLLC, a West Virginia
professional limited liability company,
formerly known as Criswell French Condaras
PLLC and Criswell & French, PLLC;
Matthew S. Criswell, an individual; Staci
N. Criswell, an individual; Mark L. French,
an individual; and Ashley W. French, an individual,
Defendants**

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Plaintiff United Bank, Inc., by counsel, Richard M. Francis, Stuart A. McMillan, Andrew C. Robey, and the law firm of Bowles Rice LLP, has filed a motion to refer the above-referenced case to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules. Defendants Matthew S. Criswell, Staci N. Criswell, Mark L. French, and Ashley W. French, by counsel, Mark L. French, Matthew S. Criswell, and the law firm of Criswell French PLLC, filed a response in opposition to the motion to refer.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the response thereto, 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 Carrie L. Webster, Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: NOVEMBER 30, 2016



MENIS E. KETCHUM
Chief Justice