

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

**BB Land, LLC, a West Virginia
company, and JB Exploration 1, LLC,
a West Virginia company,
Plaintiffs**

vs.) Civil Action No. 18-C-2 (Pleasants County)

**Blackrock Enterprises, LLC, a West
Virginia company, and Michael L. Benedum,
Defendants**

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Plaintiffs BB Land, LLC and JB Exploration 1, LLC, by counsel, Ronda L. Harvey, George A. Patterson, III, Evan G. Conard, and the law firm of Bowles Rice LLP, have filed a motion to refer the above-referenced civil action to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules ("TCR"). Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff Blackrock Enterprises, LLC and Defendant Michael L. Benedum, by counsel, Brian R. Swiger and the law firm of Jackson Kelly PLLC, filed a response stating that they have no objection to the motion to refer.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the response thereto, the Chief Justice has determined that the principal claims in the action involve matters of significance to the transactions, operations, or governance between business entities as required by TCR 29.04(a)(1). The Chief Justice has further determined that specialized treatment is likely to improve the expectation of a fair and reasonable resolution of the controversy as required by TCR 29.04(a)(2), and the motion to refer should therefore be granted.

It is hereby ORDERED that the motion to refer this action to the Business Court Division is granted, and this order shall be transmitted to the Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes, Chair of the Business Court Division, for assignment of a presiding judge and such other actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of TCR 29.

It is further ORDERED that a copy of this ORDER be transmitted to the Central Office of the Business Court Division; the Honorable Timothy L. Sweeney, Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pleasants County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: APRIL 27, 2018



MARGARET L. WORKMAN
Chief Justice