

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

Michael D. Harlow, Plaintiff

vs.) Civil Action No. 17-C-149 (Nicholas County)

**Eastern Electric, LLC,
Defendant**

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Plaintiff Michael D. Harlow, by counsel, Joshua S. Rogers, Paige K. Vagnetti, and the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, has 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").

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion, the Chief Justice has determined that the principal claims in the action involve matters of significance to the transactions, operations, valuation, or governance of a business entity. The mere fact that the action involves an individual does not, of itself, exclude the case from eligibility. 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 James J. Rowe, Senior Status Judge sitting by temporary assignment in the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nicholas 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