

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

**Riley Natural Gas Company,
a West Virginia corporation,
Plaintiff**

vs. Civil Action No. 16-C-287-2 (Harrison)

**Clowser Production Company, Inc.,
a West Virginia corporation,
Defendant**

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Plaintiff Riley Natural Gas Company, by counsel, Lori A. Dawkins, Shawn A. Morgan, Lauren K. Turner, and the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, 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. The Honorable Thomas A. Bedell, Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, has filed a response 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 Thomas A. Bedell, Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: AUGUST 30, 2016


MENIS E. KETCHUM
Chief Justice