

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**Stephen R. Peters and Della Jane  
Woofter, Stephen R. Peters and Della  
Jane Woofter d/b/a D.J. Broadcasting,  
Plaintiffs**

**vs. Civil Action No. 14-C-36 (Lewis County)**

**J&J Land Properties, LLC,  
a West Virginia Corporation,  
Defendant**

LEWIS COUNTY, WV  
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JOHN B. HINZMAN  
CIRCUIT CLERK

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that Defendant J&J Land Properties, LLC, by counsel, Michael D. Crim, and the law firm of McNeer, Highland, McMunn and Varner, L.C., has filed a motion to refer the above-styled action to the Business Court Division pursuant to Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules ("TCR"). Plaintiffs Stephen R. Peters and Della Jane Woofter, Stephen R. Peters and Della Jane Woofter d/b/a D.J. Broadcasting, by counsel, Shannon R. Thomas, Attorney at Law, filed a response in opposition to the motion to refer.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the reply memorandum, 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 mere fact that the action involves individuals 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 John L. Henning, Senior Status Judge sitting by temporary assignment; and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lewis County, who is to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

  
MENIS E. KETCHUM  
Chief Justice

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF LEWIS, TO-WIT:  
I, JOHN B. HINZMAN, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lewis  
County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of  
an Order entered in the above styled action on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day  
of September, 2016.  
Given under my hand and official seal this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day  
of September, 2016.

**JOHN B. HINZMAN**

Clerk of the Circuit Court of  
Lewis County, West Virginia

*Michelle G. Gaby*  
Deputy

