

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
BUSINESS COURT DIVISION

THE BRUCE McDONALD HOLDING)
COMPANY, DAVID B. McDONALD)
LAND COMPANY, OAKLEY, LLC,)
S. E. McDONALD, LLC, D. B. MORRIS,)
LLC, L.O.U., LLC, GLENN T. YOST,)
as attorney-in-fact for ERNEST PHIPPS)
CREDIT SHELTER TRUST, and)
CDC REAL ESTATE, LLC,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

ADDINGTON, INC.,)
PITTSTON COAL COMPANY, and)
THE BRINK'S COMPANY,)

Defendants.)

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Case No. 16-C-70-LGN

Presiding Judge: Hon. James H. Young, Jr.

Resolution Judge: Hon. Joanna I. Tabit

AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER

The following amended schedule is ORDERED by the Court in the above-styled civil action; and shall not be modified except by leave of Court.

1. **TRIAL DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**

X Jury Trial Requested

_____ Bench Trial Requested

2. **PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE DATE: AUGUST 21, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.** At

which time lead counsel must appear. All parties are **ORDERED** to exchange and deliver their

respective **PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE MEMORANDA** to the Judge's Chambers **NO**

LATER THAN TEN (10) BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE the conference. **FAILURE TO**

COMPLY MAY RESULT IN CONTINUANCE OF TRIAL OR MONETARY

SANCTIONS BEING IMPOSED. Said memoranda are to contain at a minimum, the following:

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| 1. Statement of the Case | 7. Pending Motions |
| 2. Issues of Fact | 8. Motions <i>in Limine</i> |
| 3. Issues of Law | 9. All Proposed Instructions of Law |
| 4. Proposed Stipulations | (Disk as well as hard copy shall be |
| 5. Schedule of Exhibits | provided to the Court.) |
| 6. List of Witnesses | 10. Proposed Voir Dire |

Parties are to confer and provide a joint instruction charge to the Court.

SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITS

The parties shall exchange a list of all proposed exhibits (including demonstrative) and shall make the exhibits available for viewing by counsel at least **5** work days prior to the pre-trial conference. By the time of the pre-trial conference counsel shall have stipulated as to which exhibits shall be admitted without objection and provide a list to the Court and Clerk. The parties shall mark all exhibits by use of standard exhibit stickers and provide a list to the Court and counsel.

VIDEO DEPOSITION TO BE USED AT TRIAL

If a video deposition is to be used, all parties must be prepared to argue objections at the pre-trial conference. Thereafter, the proponent of the video deposition shall have the video edited to reflect the court's rulings. In addition, the proponent of the video deposition must have a videographer at trial.

JURY INSTRUCTIONS

The Court desires that all counsel read all parties proposed jury instructions prior to the conference and be prepared to discuss them at the conference. The Court will not be inclined to receive instructions after the pre-trial conference.

3. **EXPERTS DISCLOSED: Plaintiff: NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

Addington/Brink's: DECEMBER 5, 2016

Pittston Coal: APRIL 3, 2017

A. Any party desiring to use an expert witness must furnish opposing counsel with the specialty of such expert and copies of all reports submitted by such witness, or, if no reports have been submitted, a summary of the substance of such expert's contemplated testimony, on the date of Expert Disclosure per WVRCP 26(b)(4).

B. The admissibility of expert testimony is subject to Rule 104(a) of the Rules of Evidence. Objection to the admissibility of expert testimony will be deemed waived if not objected to by a motion *in limine* filed at least 10 days prior to the pre-trial and a hearing thereon set with the Court prior to first day of trial.

C. Co-designation or co-reliance upon experts must also specifically be made in writing on date of Expert Disclosure.

4. **MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS AND EXPERT
EVIDENTIARY INSPECTIONS: NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

All medical examinations by expert physicians must be completed by this date. Medical examinations in accordance with WVRCP 35 are granted, but subject to court control. Any modification to the standard medical examination of the plaintiff must be made by plaintiffs' counsel in writing and noticed for hearing prior to the examination. Any continuing medical treatment to be admissible at trial must be disclosed prior to the discovery completion date.

5. **DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS: JULY 14, 2017.**

All requests made pursuant to Rule 34 of West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure shall be construed to include information contained or stored in an electronic medium, regardless of format, unless otherwise stated.

Unless otherwise agreed upon, all production of electronically stored information shall be either in hard copy form or in the form of a compact disk (CD) utilizing a format best suited for viewing the information by the requesting party and reasonably accessible to the producing party. If the parties are unable to agree upon a format, the Court will rule upon the type of format to be used for a particular category or all discovery of electronically stored information.

If any party intends to utilize an electronic search of another party's electronically stored information or if any other issue regarding electronically stored information arises between the parties, then all counsel and pro se parties shall hold a conference. The requesting party shall give reasonable notice to all parties, and all counsel and pro se parties shall be present. The conference must be held at least 40 days prior to the completion of discovery, as set by the scheduling order in this matter.

At the conference, all counsel and pro se parties shall use their best efforts to reach an agreement as to the method of search, the scope of the search, the amount of searching, and the words, terms, or phrases to be used. All counsel and pro se parties shall utilize this conference to resolve all remaining electronic discovery issues such as the allocation of discovery costs for material not readily accessible, form of production, etc.

If, during a search or otherwise, electronically stored information that contains privileged information or attorney work product is inadvertently released in whole or part, then

- a. If the information, document, or material, on its face, appears to be privileged or attorney work product, it shall be immediately returned,

- b. If notice of the inadvertent disclosure is given, it shall be returned as soon as practicable, and in no case later than 10 days.

Upon returning the privileged or attorney work product material, any person to whom it has been disclosed, must destroy any copies, notes, or information derived from the material. The filing of a motion for protective order or to compel or other similarly related motion shall not affect this order.

9. **MOTIONS *IN LIMINE* MUST BE FILED AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE PRE-TRIAL AND WILL BE RULED UPON AT THE PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE.**

10. **MEDIATION/ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

The Court finds that this is an appropriate case for mediation or alternative dispute resolution. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 25 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, this case is referred to mediation or other form of dispute resolution agreed to by the parties. By order of this Court, mediation or other form of dispute resolution shall be conducted by **The Honorable Joanna I. Tabit as Resolution Judge** and shall be scheduled and concluded on or before **FEBRUARY 1, 2017**, unless such deadline is otherwise extended by the Presiding Judge for good cause shown. The Resolution Judge shall contact the parties for the purpose of scheduling mediation/alternative dispute resolution. All counsel or pro se parties shall provide their email address to the Business Court Division Director at carol.miller@courtswv.gov.

11. **SANCTIONS:** In accordance with WVRCP 16(f), the Court may impose the full spectrum of sanctions authorized by the WVRCP if a party or party's counsel fails to obey this order or other orders of this Court including exclusion of evidence and granting of default for failure to comply.

12. **UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY COURT ORDER, THE ABOVE DATES ARE FINAL.** No additional evidence developed as a result of deviations from the above schedule will be admissible at trial unless justice requires.

13. **OBJECTIONS** to the above schedule must be made to the undersigned Judge within **15 days** of the date of this Order or will be deemed waived.

14. It will be the responsibility of plaintiffs or their counsel to notify opposing counsel and *pro se* parties of the existence of this scheduling order, if and when such counsel or *pro se* party appears of record.

15. The dates set out above do not relieve counsel or parties from timely compliance with discovery requests propounded pursuant to the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure.

The Clerk shall transmit certified copies to counsel of record; the Presiding Judge James H. Young, Jr.; the Resolution Judge Joanna I. Tabit; the Business Court Division Central Office, Berkeley County Judicial Center, 380 W. South Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401, and *pro se* parties.

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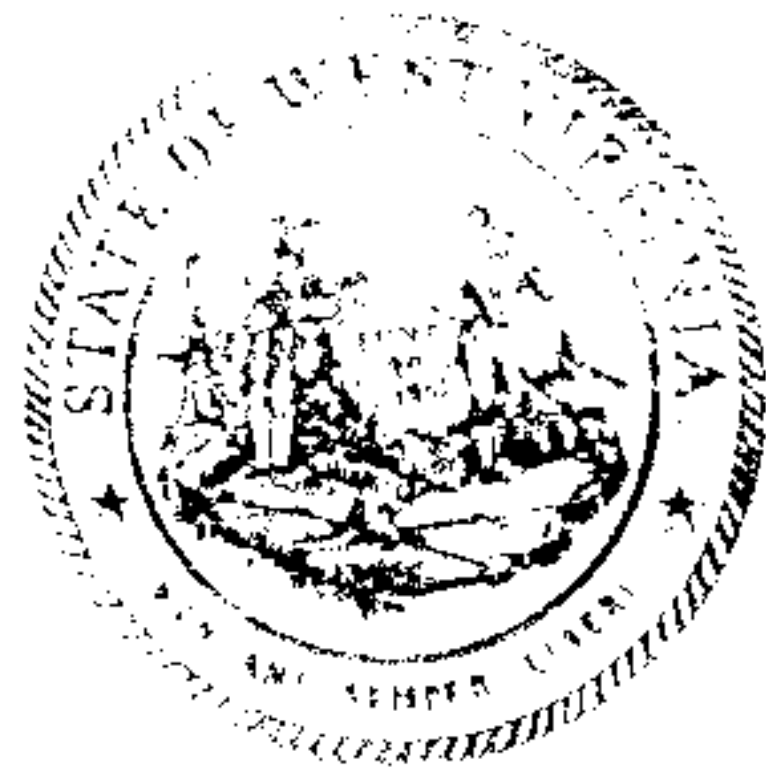
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February 6, 2017

Vickie "Vance" Kolata, Circuit Clerk
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RE: The Bruce McDonald Holding Company, et al. vs. Addington, Inc., et al., Civil
Action No. 16-C-70

Dear Ms. Kolata:

Please find enclosed an original Amended Scheduling Order in the above-referenced matter, along with a self-addressed envelope in order that **a time-stamped copy can be returned to me. Also, please mail copies to the Business Court Division, all attorneys of record, and the Resolution Judge in this matter.** For your convenience, I have also enclosed a list of the attorneys of record.

If you need anything further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Diana Fields
Secretary

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