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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WILKES COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 20 CVS 21

WORLD INTERNATIONAL, LLC; and TAMMY E. WHITWORTH,

WINDOW WORLD, INC.; WINDOW

Plaintiffs,

v.

SCOTT A. WILLIAMSON; JENNIFER L. WILLIAMSON; BRIAN C. HOPKINS; WINDOW WORLD OF ROCKFORD, INC. d/b/a WINDOW WORLD OF ROCKFORD; WINDOW WORLD OF JOLIET, INC. d/b/a WINDOW WORLD OF JOLIET; and WINDOW WORLD OF BLOOMINGTON, INC.,

ORDER ON OPPOSITION TO DESIGNATION

Defendants.

1. **THIS MATTER** is before the Court on Plaintiffs' Opposition to Notice of Designation as Mandatory Complex Business Case (the "Opposition"). (ECF No. 17.)

2. Plaintiffs initiated this lawsuit on January 9, 2020, (ECF No. 2), and Defendants accepted service on January 14, 2020, (ECF No. 15). Defendants timely filed a Notice of Designation on February 4, 2020, arguing for designation under N.C.G.S. § 7A-45.4(a)(1), (4)–(5), and Rule 2.1 of the General Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Courts of North Carolina ("Rule(s)"). (ECF No. 3.)

3. On February 5, 2020, Chief Justice Beasley designated this case to the North Carolina Business Court as a complex business case pursuant to Rules 2.1 and 2.2 and assigned it to the undersigned. (ECF No. 1.) 4. Plaintiffs' Opposition attacks Defendants' arguments for designation under section 7A-45.4(a), not Chief Justice Beasley's determination that the matter should proceed as a complex business case under Rules 2.1 and 2.2. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' Opposition is **OVERRULED**, and the case shall proceed before the undersigned as a complex business case.

SO ORDERED, this the 17th day of February, 2020.

<u>/s/ Louis A. Bledsoe, III</u> Louis A. Bledsoe, III Chief Business Court Judge