

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - NEW YORK COUNTY

PRESENT: Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan, Administrative Judge  
Administrative Order

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HAHN & HESSEN LLP,

Plaintiff,

- v -

INDEX NO. 650680/2018

BEOGRADSKA BANKA A.D. IN  
BANKRUPTCY, and DEPOSIT INSURANCE  
AGENCY,

Defendants.

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Administrative Order:

By letter dated July 26, 2018, pro se plaintiff Hahn & Hessen LLP requests that this action be re-assigned from the Hon. Gerald Lebovits (I.A.S. Part 7) to Commercial Division Justice Charles E. Ramos, because it is predicated on an order issued by Justice Ramos granting an attorney's fee lien and fixing the amount of plaintiff's unpaid legal fees upon plaintiff's withdrawal of counsel for the above-named defendants in In re Stone Column Trading House Limited, Index No. 650228/2013 (the Stone Column Action). No response to the request has been received.

As plaintiff concedes, this action does not qualify for assignment to the Commercial Division, because it is a lawsuit to collect professional fees (see Commercial Division Rule 202.70 [d] [1]). In addition, the question of whether two cases are related should be addressed, in the first instance, to the assigned justice in accordance with the court's case assignment procedures for related cases (see RJs and Assignments, available at <https://www.nycourts.gov/courts/1jd/supctmanh/RJ's-Assignments.shtml>). Accordingly, plaintiff is directed to make this request to Justice Lebovits, who may wish to confer with Justice Ramos about whether the latter is willing to waive compliance with Commercial Division Rule 202.70 [d] [1]), and accept this action as related to the Stone Column Action.

Dated: August 1, 2018

ENTER: Deborah A. Kaplan, A.J.

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NON-FINAL DISPOSITION

Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan  
Administrative Judge  
Supreme Court, New York County  
Civil Branch