

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

PRESENT: Hon. Peter H. Moulton
Administrative Order

PAUL B. GOTTBETTER and GOTTBETTER and
PARTNERS, LLP,

Plaintiffs,

- v -

INDEX NO. 652715/2015

CRONE KLINE RINDE, LLP and CKR LAW, LLP,

Defendants.

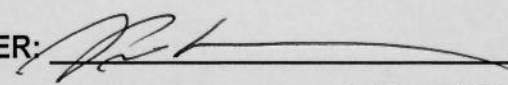
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By letters dated January 5 and 6, 2017, plaintiffs' counsel once again requests that this action be transferred from an I.A.S. Part to the Commercial Division pursuant to Uniform Rule 202.70 (e). By letter dated January 5, 2017, defendants' counsel objects.

As I stated in my prior administrative order denying plaintiffs' first request, the time to seek assignment to the Commercial Division is at the commencement of the litigation (see Uniform Rule 202.70 [d] and [e]). The recent administrative reassignment of Justice Geoffrey D. Wright to another court is not a sufficient ground for granting a transfer of this 2015 action to the Commercial Division.

For these reasons, plaintiffs' request to transfer this action into the Commercial Division is denied. However, in view of the present administrative delay in transferring Justice Wright's inventory of cases to his successor, the General Clerk's Office is directed to immediately re-assign this action to the Hon. Robert Reed (I.A.S. Part 43) to which any discovery-related disputes can be directed.

Dated: January 10, 2017

ENTER:  , A.J.

HON. PETER H. MOULTON

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