

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

PRESENT: Hon. Peter H. Moulton  
Administrative Order

VINCENT V HODES FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST,

Plaintiff,

INDEX NO. 151712/2017

- v -

ADVANCE ENTERTAINMENT, LLC and JOSEPH MELI,

Defendants.

Administrative Order:

By letter dated March 23, 2017, counsel for defendants Advance Entertainment, LLC and Joseph Meli write to request that this action be reassigned to Commercial Division Justice Jeffrey K. Oing as related to TGT, Inc. v Advance Entertainment, LLC and Joseph Meli, Index No. 650633/2017. No opposition to the request has been received.

Generally, when two actions are related, the judge who is assigned to the action with the earlier-filed Request For Judicial Intervention (RJI) is assigned both actions. The RJI in these two actions were both filed on March 20, 2017, although the RJI in the TGT action was filed earlier in the day. Although the Hodes action does not meet the monetary threshold for assignment to the Commercial Division (see Commercial Division Rule 202.70 [a]), the actions are substantially related and judicial economy would be served by having them assigned to the same justice of the court. The TGT and Hodes complaints are nearly identical, alleging the same charges against the defendants, relating to exactly the same business transaction.

For these reasons, the General Clerk's Office is directed to reassign this action from I.A.S. Part 15 (Rakower, J.) to Commercial Division Part 48 (Oing, J.) as related to TGT, Inc. v Advance Entertainment, LLC and Joseph Meli, Index No. 650633/2017.

March 28, 2017

ENTER:  A.J.

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