## SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - NEW YORK COUNTY PRESENT: <u>Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan, Administrative Judge</u> Administrative Order

## EAST 111 ASSOCIATES LLC, et al., Plaintiffs,

- v -

INDEX NO. 653890/2018

RLI INSURANCE COMPANY a/k/a MT. HAWLEY INSURANCE COMPANY, et al., Defendants.

Administrative Order:

By letter dated October 1, 2018, counsel for plaintiff requests that this action be re-assigned from the Hon. Arthur Engoron (I.A.S. Part 37) to the Hon. Barry Ostrager (I.A.S Part 61). Plaintiffs' counsel submits that there are two related actions currently pending before Judge Ostrager (Index Nos. 654485/2017 and 155194/2018). Plaintiffs' counsel submits that this case should have been assigned to Judge Ostrager, but was not, because defendants' counsel failed to indicate these related actions on the RJI. There has been no response to plaintiffs' counsel's letter application.

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 RJIs and Assignments, available at <a href="https://www.nycourts.gov/courts/1jd/supctmanh/RJIs-Assignments.shtml">https://www.nycourts.gov/courts/1jd/supctmanh/RJIs-Assignments.shtml</a>).

At my request, Judge Engoron has reviewed the application and reached the conclusion that this case is related to those currently pending before Judge Ostrager. He agrees that this case should be referred to Judge Ostrager.

Accordingly, the General Clerk's Office is directed to reassign this action to the Commercial Division Part 61 (Ostrager, J.)

Dated: November  $\frac{9}{2}$ , 2018

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