

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

PRESENT: Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler  
Administrative Order

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GREENFIELD STEIN & SENIOR, LLP, a limited  
liability partnership,

Plaintiff,

- v -

INDEX NO. 650097/2014

CHARLES R. SEROTA and GEOFFREY SEROTA,

Defendants.

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Administrative Order:

By letter dated February 13, 2014, plaintiff timely requests assignment of this action to Commercial Division Justice Charles E. Ramos on the ground that it is related to two matters currently pending before him, *Serota v Sicome, et al.*, Index No. 651117/12 and *In the Matter of the Application of Charles R. Serota and Geoffrey Serota, as Devisees under the Last Will and Testament of Nathan L. Serota, for the Issuance of Limited Letters of Administration*, Index No. 451399/13 (the Ramos Matters). Counsel for defendants opposes a transfer on the grounds that this action is not related to the Ramos Matters, and does not meet the standards of the Commercial Division.

This action seeks to recover attorneys' fees from plaintiff's former clients in connection with a dispute over their late father's estate. Plaintiff argues that Judge Ramos should preside over this action, wherein plaintiff is suing for its attorneys' fees for the representation of the Serotas in the Ramos Matters. However, this action and the Ramos Matters do not share common questions of law and fact, and, thus, are not related. Further, actions to collect professional fees will not be heard in the Commercial Division. Uniform Rule 202.70 (c) (1). Accordingly, plaintiff's request is denied.

Dated: February 20, 2014

ENTER:  , A.J.

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