

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend Section 202.70(b)(12) of the Uniform Rules for the Supreme and County Courts (Rules of the Commercial Division), and section 202.70(c), to read as follows, effective for all cases filed in the Commercial Division on or after December 1, 2015:

Section 202.70. Rules of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court

(a) Monetary thresholds

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(b) Commercial cases

Actions in which the principal claims involve or consist of the following will be heard in the Commercial Division provided that the monetary threshold is met or equitable or declaratory relief is sought:

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(12) Applications to stay or compel arbitration and affirm or disaffirm arbitration awards and related injunctive relief pursuant to CPLR Article 75 involving any of the foregoing enumerated commercial issues [~~without consideration of the monetary threshold~~]. Where the applicable arbitration agreement provides for the arbitration to be heard outside the United States, the monetary threshold set forth in section 202.70(a) shall not apply.

(c) Non-commercial cases

The following will not be heard in the Commercial Division even if the monetary threshold is met:

(1) Suits to collect professional fees;

(2) Cases seeking a declaratory judgment as to insurance coverage for personal injury or property damage;

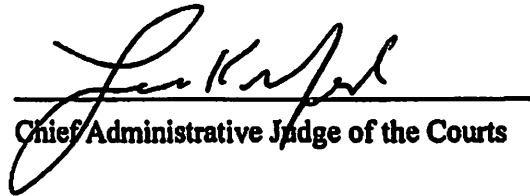
(3) Residential real estate disputes, including landlord-tenant matters, and commercial real estate disputes involving the payment of rent only;

(4) Home improvement contracts involving residential properties consisting of one to four residential units or individual units in any residential building, including cooperative or condominium units;

~~(4)~~ ~~(5)~~ Proceedings to enforce a judgment regardless of the nature of the underlying case;

~~(5)~~ ~~(6)~~ First-party insurance claims and actions by insurers to collect premiums or rescind non-commercial policies; and

~~(6)~~ ~~(7)~~ Attorney malpractice actions except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b)(8).


Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: October 14, 2015

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