

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE  
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DAVIDSON COUNTY**

**JERRY D. STILTS, and PEGGY S. TROMBLEY,** )  
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**Plaintiffs,** )  
 )  
**VS.** )  
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**KENNETH M. STILTS,** )  
 )  
**Defendant.** )

**NO. 15-1334-BC**

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**ORDER REQUIRING PLAINTIFFS TO FILE A STATUS REPORT BY 1/15/16**

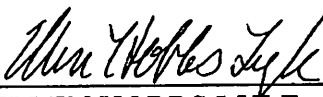
In carrying out the function of the Business Court “to provide cost effective disposition of business cases and procedures adapted to the needs of each case,” the Court has been monitoring the filings in this case to schedule a conference to prepare a Case Litigation Plan. *See Guide To The Business Court*, sections 1.1 & 4.4 (available at [www.TNCourts.gov/bizcourt](http://www.TNCourts.gov/bizcourt)).

This case was filed on November 5, 2015, and proof of service on the Defendant was received on December 7, 2015, showing service of process on November 18, 2015, and providing an answer deadline 30 days after November 15, 2015. To date, no answer has been filed by the Defendant. Pursuant to the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, the deadline for filing an answer has passed.

Realizing that there may be a number of reasons why no answer has been filed (i.e., agreement of the parties, productive settlement discussions, preparing default judgment

motion, etc.), the Court needs additional information from the Plaintiff regarding the status of the case and how it plans to proceed moving forward. This status report will enable the Court to evaluate the proper timing for scheduling a Case Litigation Plan Conference.

It is therefore ORDERED that on or before Friday, January 15, 2016, Counsel for the Plaintiff shall file a status report addressing how it plans to proceed which will inform the Court on scheduling a Case Litigation Plan Conference.

  
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ELLEN HOBBS LYLE  
CHANCELLOR  
TENNESSEE BUSINESS COURT  
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Michael Ferrell

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