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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
)	SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF AIKEN)	
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Adele J. Pope,)	Case No.: 2013-CP-02-1337
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS'
)	MOTION FOR TRANSFER TO
Estate of James Brown and The James)	NON-JURY ROSTER
Brown 2000 Irrevocable Trust,)	
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Defendants.)	
_____)	

This matter comes before me on Motion of Defendants filed July 31, 2017 to transfer this case, set for a Day Certain Jury Trial on September 5, 2017, to the non-jury roster.

By Return to Motion filed August 10, 2017 Plaintiff opposed the Motion to Transfer on five grounds:

1. Defendants' Motion was not timely, having been made four years after a jury trial was timely demanded in the Complaint in this case, filed June 10, 2013.
2. Defendants have waived the right to demand a Non-jury trial by not timely seeking reconsideration of this Court's Order for Order Setting Day-Certain Trial by jury filed May 4, 2014, and other actions.
3. The Motion was made in bad faith to cover up evidence of wrongful IRS and Court filings by Defendants which the Attorney General joined in or condoned.
4. Plaintiff is entitled to a jury trial as to the \$100 Million value of James Brown's assets and other issues of fact in this case under S.C. Probate Code Section 62-1-302 and other applicable law and cases.
5. Defendants' access to this Court from June 13, 2013 to 2016 to the exclusion of Robert L. Buchanan, Jr. and Plaintiff would make depriving Plaintiff of a jury trial manifestly unjust (a violation of Plaintiff's Due Process Rights).

A hearing was held before me on August 15, 2017. Present were: Plaintiff, *pro se*; Burl Williams, Esq., and William Newsome, Esq., counsel for defendants.

Both sides provided memoranda and argued extensively as to their respective positions. As to Plaintiff's argument that Defendants are seeking a delay, Defendants advised that they do not seek delay, and that they ask the Court to proceed to the Day-Certain Trial on September 5, 2017, as scheduled in May.

Based on the voluminous record in this case, the returns and memoranda, and arguments of counsel, the Court finds:

1. The only issue to determine in this case is whether Mrs. Pope is owed any commission, expenses and costs by the Estate and 2000 Trust, as per this Court's Order affirmed by Order of the Supreme Court, Opinion Number 2015-MO-032.
2. Actions in equity are to be tried by the Court, *Pelfrey v. Bank of Greer*.
3. A claim for a commission is an action in equity. See *Matter of Estate of Kay* and S.C. Probate Code Section 62-3-719.
4. Relying on all cases from other jurisdictions cited in Defendants' brief, questions concerning the entitlement to commissions are matters in equity.

Based on the foregoing, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this case is hereby transferred to the non-jury roster, and shall be tried as such on September 5, 2017.

AND IT IS ORDERED.

The Honorable Doyet A. Early, III
Resident Judge, Second Judicial Circuit

Aiken, South Carolina
August , 2017



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So Ordered

s/D.A. Early III 2136