

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

PRESENT: Hon. Sherry Klein Heitler
Administrative Order

ROBERT LESLIE DEAK, MOSHIRA SOLIMON,
DEAK FAMILY FOUNDATION and BITTACHON
HOLDINGS, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

- v -

INDEX NO. 151092/13

IMAM FEISEL ABDUL RAUF, THE CORDOBA
INITIATIVE and AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR
MUSLIM ADVANCEMENT (ASMA),

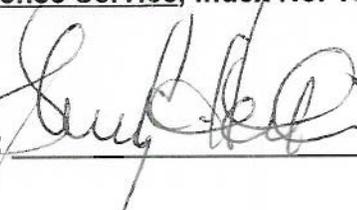
Defendants.

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By letter dated March 12, 2013, counsel for the defendants timely requests that this action be assigned to the Commercial Division. No opposition to the request has been received.

The application is denied. In this action, plaintiffs claim that they were defrauded into providing funding for "The Shariah Index Project," a project whose purpose is education regarding Islam and anti-Islamic sentiment and was jointly run by The Cordoba Initiative and the American Society for Muslim Advancement, two related not-for-profit corporations. As this matter does not involve business dealings, but rather the alleged fraudulent solicitation of funds to further the interests of two not-for-profit corporations, it does not fall within the guidelines for assignment to the Commercial Division. See James v The National Arts Club, Index No. 109945/11 (Admin. Order dated Nov. 4, 2011); National League For Nursing, Inc. v National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc., Index No. 651744/11 (Admin. Order dated Aug. 20, 2011); American Maritime Officers v Officers Defense Service, Index No. 150069/09 (Admin. Order dated Aug. 4, 2009).

Dated: March 15, 2013

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