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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

ALASKA BUILDING, INC., an Alaskan corporation,

Case No.: 3AN-15-05969CI

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BY:

Plaintiff,

v.

716 WEST FOURTH AVENUE, LLC, KOONCE PFEFFER BETTIS, INC., d/b/a KPB ARCHITECTS, PFEFFER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY, and CRITERION GENERAL, INC.,

Defendants.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO RULE 77(g)(3)

The Legislative Affairs Agency (the "Agency") requests expedited consideration of its motion to stay proceedings as to Count 1 because, unless that motion is ruled on promptly, the fundamental purpose of the motion to stay will be undermined. The Agency filed its motion to stay proceedings as to Count 1 (as well as its earlier motion to

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On June 12, 2015, Plaintiff filed a motion for partial summary judgment, asking this Court to rule on the merits of Count 1 of the Complaint. In particular, Plaintiff asked this Court to declare that the Agency's contract with Defendant 716 West Fourth Avenue LLC does not comply with AS 36.30.083(a) and that it does not extend a real property lease.

The Agency filed both a motion to dismiss for lack of standing and a motion to stay discovery as to Count 1 on May 27, 2015. The Agency contends that Plaintiff does not have standing to bring the underlying claim and as a result, potentially unnecessary discovery should be stayed pending this Court's decision on the Agency's motion to dismiss for lack of standing. The same reasoning applies to the Agency's motion to stay proceedings. Plaintiff recently filed its opposition to the Agency's motion to stay discovery and motion to dismiss on June 9 and June 12, respectively. The Agency's replies are due shortly and then those motions will be ripe for decision.

Unless a stay of proceedings is granted as to Count 1, the Agency's response to Plaintiff's motion for partial summary judgment is due on June 29. It is highly likely, in the absence of a stay of proceedings, that the Agency's time for filing a response to the motion for partial summary judgment will run prior to a ruling on the motion to dismiss. The parties will then have to devote substantial resources to addressing Plaintiff's motion LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY'S MEM. IN SUPPORT OF MTN. FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION *ALASKA BUILDING, INC. v. 716 WEST FOURTH AVENUE, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 3AN-15-05969CI Page 2 of 4
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for partial summary judgment (and any other pleadings or filings relating to Count 1) despite the fact that Count 1 may be dismissed as a threshold issue before the Court even reaches Plaintiff's other filings relating to Count 1. In order to preserve the utility and value of the motion to stay proceedings – and in furtherance of judicial economy and conservation of the parties' resources – the Court should decide the motion to stay proceedings in advance of the Agency's deadline for responding to Plaintiffs' partial summary judgment motion.

DATED: June 15, 2015

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