

THIS MATTER came on for hearing before the undersigned Senior Resident Superior Court Judge on February 10, 2021, at the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, for Durham County, North Carolina, upon Treyburn Rehabilitation Center, LLC d/b/a Treyburn Rehabilitation Center, Southern Healthcare Management, LLC, 2059 LLC, and Sovereign Healthcare Holdings, LLC's (collectively, "Defendants") Motion to Designate as an Exceptional Civil Case Pursuant to Rule 2.1(a)(a); Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint of Lisa Howze as Administratrix of the Estate of Palestine Howze ("Plaintiff") for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1A-1, Rule 12(b)(6)); and Plaintiff's oral Motion to Amend Complaint; AND IT APPEARING TO THE COURT, at the request of counsel for Defendants, that Defendants' Motion to Designate as an Exceptional Civil Case Pursuant to Rule 2.1(a)(a) be denied, without prejudice;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT, after considering only such materials, facts, and arguments properly before the Court on Defendants' Rule 12(b)(6) Motion to Dismiss for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, that such Motion should be granted;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that Plaintiff's oral Motion to Amend Complaint should be denied;

NOW, WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants' Motion to Designate as an Exceptional Civil Case Pursuant to Rule 2.1(a)(a) is DENIED, without prejudice; Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Complaint for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted is hereby GRANTED, and that the Complaint is hereby DISMISSED, with prejudice; and Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Complaint is DENIED.

SO ORDERED, this the  $\frac{2}{2}$  day of February, 2021.

The Honorable Orlando F. Hudson, Jr. Senior Resident Superior Court Judge