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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF
BRAVERMAN & LIN TO SERVE AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL
ON BEHALF OF MARSHALL UNIVERSITY**

Marshall University (hereinafter "Marshall") requested legal representation in conjunction with employee and student related immigration matters. Specifically, Marshall is in need of an attorney who can assist with future employee and student related immigration matters on an ongoing basis. Marshall routinely is in need of an attorney capable of providing employment based immigration services including, but not limited to, assisting with the preparation and filing of H-1B visa petitions (including Labor Condition Applications), and permanent residency applications (including PERM applications, I-140 visa petitions and I-485 adjustment of status applications). Marshall could also require counseling regarding O-1 visas, J-1 visas, J-1 visa waivers, TN visa status and various other immigration matters. Furthermore, Marshall may be in need of assistance in conjunction with reviewing I-9s of foreign nationals and general immigration related matters that affect students.

Pursuant to the written determination issued on June 7, 2013, the Office of the Attorney General determined that it was both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist Marshall with the needed immigration services. A request for proposals was issued in accordance with subsection (D) of the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004).

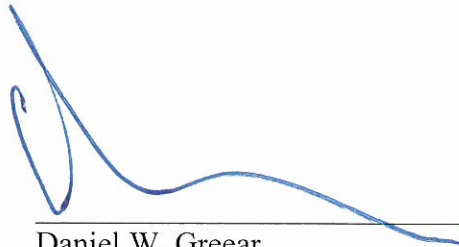
As of the July 8, 2013, deadline for proposals, the Office of the Attorney General received four timely proposals for legal services from Braverman & Lin, Saluja Law Offices, The Vogel Law Firm, and Barst Mukamal & Kleiner, LLP.

After a review of the proposals received, the Office has determined that the law firm of Braverman & Lin has submitted the most competitive proposal for legal services pursuant to Section E of Policy # WVAGO-004, based on the following factors:

- With more than forty years of experience in immigration law, Braverman & Lin has the requisite skills and expertise needed to handle the legal matters in question;
- Having provided similar immigration services for the University in the past, Braverman & Lin is uniquely positioned to address Marshall's ongoing legal needs.

- Braverman & Lin possesses the requisite staffing and support to handle the scope of the legal matter in question;
- None of the attorneys employed by Braverman & Lin have been subject to reprimand by the West Virginia State Bar, or other entities, for unethical conduct, and the firm appears to be in compliance with all applicable laws of the State of West Virginia;
- Braverman & Lin has shown a willingness to enter into alternative billing arrangements through its proposal of flat-fee rates for each of the immigration services needed by Marshall;
- The estimated fees, costs and expenses proposed by Braverman & Lin make it the lowest responsible bidder; and,
- Braverman & Lin's proposal was most responsive to Marshall's needs, based on consultation with the client regarding all of the received proposals.

For the reasons set forth above, the firm of Braverman & Lin will be appointed as outside counsel accordingly for a one-year period to perform the legal matters cited herein.



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Date Signed: July 19, 2013