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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION APPOINTING OUTSIDE COUNSEL
ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL
(RFP # 96)**

The Office of the West Virginia Attorney General (hereinafter "WVAGO") sought the assistance of outside counsel to provide legal services related to several ongoing litigations, potential litigations, and other projects on an as needed basis either on an hourly or flat fee basis.

Pursuant to the written determination issued on April 22, 2021, 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 WVAGO with the needed legal services. A request for proposals, RFP # 96, was issued in accordance with subsection (D) of the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004).

The WVAGO has identified the first specific need for legal services as contemplated by RFP #96 related to a potential litigation. The WVAGO has determined that the firm of Hissam Forman Donovan Ritchie PLLC ("HFDR") submitted a competitive proposal for the needed legal services pursuant to Section E of Policy # WVAGO-004, based on the following factors:

- HFDR has the requisite attorneys and staff to provide the legal services to be performed, and is readily available to perform the needed services in a timely manner.

Based on the factors set forth above, the Office of the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of HFDR to serve as outside counsel for the legal matters cited herein pursuant to Section (E) of Policy # WVAGO-004. If further needs arise, the WVAGO may make additional appointments pursuant to RFP #96.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven A. Travis".

Steven A. Travis
Deputy General Counsel

Dated: April 30, 2021