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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE
APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF
THE OFFICE OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

The Office of the West Virginia Attorney General (hereinafter "WVAGO") is seeking the assistance of outside counsel to assist with collection of a judgment against parties currently in bankruptcy in the State of California. More specifically, the WVAGO is seeking legal assistance to obtain relief in *In re Morgan Drexen, Inc.*, Case No. 8:15-bk-12278-CB, pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court Central District of California Santa Anna Division to obtain relief from the automatic stay imposed under 11 U.S.C. § 362 to allow the WVAGO to continue litigation against Morgan Drexen, Inc. and Lawrence Williamson, a Kansas-licensed attorney, in West Virginia.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist with the legal matters in question, based on the following factors:

- The matter at issue requires legal services to be performed in the State of California by an attorney or attorneys licensed to practice law in the United States Bankruptcy Court in California.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services without the assistance of outside counsel at this time.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel in the current legal matter pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.

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

Steven A. Travis
Deputy General Counsel

Date Signed: March 28, 2018