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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION APPOINTING
BOWLES RICE LLP AS
OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE WEST VIRGINIA TREASURER'S
OFFICE**

The West Virginia Treasurer's Office (hereinafter "Treasurer" or "State Treasurer's Office") is seeking the assistance of outside counsel to assist with compliance with W.Va. Code §51-9-10(f) as enacted in SB389.

Pursuant to the written determination issued on May 14, 2019, the Office of the Attorney General determined that due to the potential conflict of interest that may be created through the legal strategies available in this matter it was appropriate to appoint qualified outside counsel to assist the Treasurer with this matter. A request for proposals, RFP # 77, was thereafter issued in accordance with subsection (D) of the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004).

As of the May 17, 2019, deadline for proposals, the Office of the Attorney General received four timely proposal for legal services. Due to the potential conflict of interest the three proposals were provided to the Treasurer to select outside counsel. After a review of the proposals received, the Treasurer selected the law firm of Bowles Rice LLP ("Bowles Rice") to provide the legal services based on the following factors:

- Bowles Rice possesses the needed particular and specialized expertise; and
- Of the proposals received, Bowles Rice is the Treasurer's preferred counsel to provide the legal services because they provided the most competitive proposal.

Based on the factors set forth above, as evaluated by the Treasurer, the Office of the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of Bowles Rice, LLP to serve as outside counsel for the legal matter cited herein pursuant to Section (E) of Policy # WVAGO-004.

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

Steven A. Travis
Deputy General Counsel

Date Signed: May 21, 2019