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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION APPOINTING
OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF
THE WEST VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE**

The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office (hereinafter "WVSOS") sought the assistance of outside counsel to assist with currently pending litigation styled: *State of West Virginia ex rel Rob Cornelius and Rob Cornelius, Individually v. Mac Warner, Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, in his Official Capacity, et al.* Civil Action No. 19-P-332, recently filed in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County.

Pursuant to the written determination issued on August 21, 2019, the Office of the Attorney General determined that it is in the best interests of the State to appoint qualified outside counsel to assist the West Virginia Secretary of State with these important matters. A request for proposals, RFP # 80, was issued in accordance with subsection (D) of the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAG0-004).

As of the August 28, 2019, deadline for proposals, the Office of the Attorney General received a timely proposal for legal services. After a review of the proposal received, the WVAGO and WVSOS have determined that the law firm of Gianola, Barnum, Bechtel & Jecklin, L.C. ("Gianola") submitted a competitive proposal for legal services pursuant to Section E of Policy # WVAG0-004, based on the following factors:

- Gianola possesses the particular and specialized expertise in election law.
- Gianola is providing the needed legal services at a competitive rate.

Based on the factors set forth above, as evaluated by the WVSOS, the Office of the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of Gianola, Barnum, Bechtel & Jecklin, L.C. to serve as outside counsel for the legal matters 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: August 30, 2019