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

In recent months, the workload of the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General (“WVAGO”) has risen dramatically. We are currently managing a significant number of high profile matters, including:

- Active litigation against the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston;
- Defense of state statutes including the right to work legislation, the parking lot gun legislation, and the omnibus education legislation; and
- Investigations and litigation related to identity theft, pharmaceuticals, and other consumer issues.

As result of the number and complexity of these matters, the WVAGO is seeking the assistance of a firm or firms 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.

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:

- It is not feasible for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services without the assistance of outside counsel.

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.

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Steven A. Travis
Deputy General Counsel

Date Signed: August 2, 2019