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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 provide legal assistance with a consumer protection matter. More specifically, the WVAGO seeks counsel to assist staff with ongoing litigation against Johnson & Johnson, Ethicon, Inc., and Ethicon US, LLC.

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 particular and specialized expertise in consumer credit and protection laws that would benefit from the assistance of outside counsel.
- 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.

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Steven A. Travis
Deputy General Counsel

Date Signed: December 23, 2019