



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

The West Virginia Office of the Attorney General ("WVAGO") is in need of legal assistance on consumer protection matters, as well as assistance on related general counsel matters.

More specifically, the WVAGO seeks counsel to assist staff with the analysis and review of a variety of consumer protection-related litigation matters. As part of its review, the WVAGO also seeks assistance with the review and analysis of related general counsel issues.

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 these legal matters, based on the following factors:

- There is a particular desire for legal representation with consumer protection and general counsel background and experience to assist the Attorney General's Office with the legal matter in question.
- The matter at issue requires particular and specialized expertise in complex issues relating to consumer protection matters, and related general counsel matters, that would benefit from the assistance of outside counsel.
- Given current case assignments and existing deadlines, the Attorney General's Office does not currently possess the sufficient and appropriate resources to handle the legal matters in question on its own.
- Kanawha County is the primary geographic area where the legal services will be performed.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to handle the needed 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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Daniel W. Greear
Chief Counsel

Date Signed: December 13, 2013