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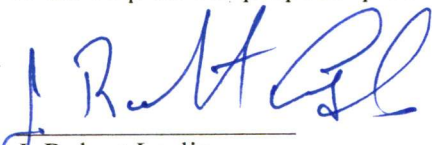
**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE
COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

West Virginia State University ("WVSU") is in need of legal representation to assist with pending litigation relating to an environmental contamination issue stemming from the disposal of waste in Michigan. More specifically, WVSU is seeking assistance in the case of *Michigan Department of Environmental Quality v. Yale University et al.*, Case No.: 15-126-CE, currently pending the Circuit Court for the 30th Judicial Circuit, Ingham County.

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 WVSU with the legal matter set forth herein, based on the following factors:

- The matter at issue requires specific expertise in environmental law, including, but not limited to, areas of hazardous waste disposal and cleanup.
- There is a particular need for legal representation with additional litigation background and experience to assist the Attorney General's Office with the legal matter in question.
- Ingham County, Michigan is the geographic area where the legal services are to be performed.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services without assistance from outside counsel at this time.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel for the legal matter in question pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.


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