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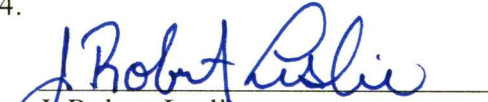
**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT
OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK**

The West Virginia Health Information Network (hereinafter the "WVHIN") is seeking legal representation with expertise in privacy and security issues related to the healthcare industry including Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) and its relationship to West Virginia healthcare law and the WVHIN.

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 to assist the WVHIN with the needed legal services, based on the following factors.

- The legal services in question require specialized expertise and familiarity with healthcare law that is not currently possessed by the Office of the Attorney General;
- The legal services needed would require a significant time commitment from the Office of the Attorney General to familiarize itself with the work in question, and the magnitude of the requested legal services exceeds the resources currently available within the Office of the Attorney General;
- The geographic area where the attorney services are to be performed is Kanawha County; and,
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the required 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 #WVAG0-004.



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