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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE
COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

Pierpont Community and Technical College (hereinafter "Pierpont" or the "College") is in need of legal services related to several outstanding bond issues.

More specifically, Pierpont seeks to protect its interests, through legal representation, related to outstanding bonds as the College seeks to complete institutional separation requirements mandated by House Bill 3215.

In accordance with Section O of the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it must recuse itself from the legal matter in question as a result of a potential conflict of interest.

Because the legal matter in question involves two state entities with potentially adverse interests, the Office of the Attorney General is precluded ethically from representing both state entities. As such, the Office of the Attorney General cannot implement in good faith the selection of outside counsel through the Office's competitive bidding policy.

Consequently, Pierpont is hereby authorized to seek outside counsel legal representation pursuant to Section O of Policy #WVAGO-004.

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Daniel W. Greear
Chief Counsel

Date Signed: September 26, 2013