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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 is in need of legal assistance for consumer protection and antitrust legal matters. More specifically, the Attorney General's Office seeks counsel to assist staff with the investigation and review of potential violations of state consumer protection and antitrust statutes stemming from potentially deceptive advertisements and instances of price-fixing involving pharmaceuticals and violations of health care regulations.

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:

- There is a particular desire for legal representation with general litigation 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 and antitrust laws 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 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 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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Daniel W. Greear  
Chief Counsel

Date Signed: December 13, 2013