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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION APPOINTING  
OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF  
NATALIE TENNANT, GARY A. COLLIAS, AND VINCENT CARDI  
IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS MEMBERS OF  
THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

Natalie Tennant, Gary A. Collias, and Vincent Cardi in their official capacity as members of the West Virginia State Election Commission ("WVSEC") requested legal assistance in *Elizabeth D. Walker v. Natalie Tennant, Gary A. Collias, and Vincent Cardi, Members of the West Virginia State Election Commission; Glenn B. Gainer, III; West Virginia Auditor; John Perdue, West Virginia State Treasurer; and William R. Wooten*, Civil Action No. 16-AA-13 and *Elizabeth D. Walker v. Natalie Tennant, ex-officio, Gary A. Collias, and Vincent P. Cardi, members of the West Virginia State Election Commission; and Brent D. Benjamin, candidate for the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia*, Civil Action No. 16-AA-17.

Pursuant to the written determination issued on February 23, 2016, the Office of the Attorney General determined that it was both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist the WVSOS with the needed legal services. A request for proposals, RFP # 52, and a subsequent Amended RFP # 52, was issued in accordance with subsection (D) of the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAG0-004).

As of the February 25, 2016, deadline for proposals, the Office of the Attorney General received three proposals. After a review of the proposals received and consultation with the clients, the Office has determined that the law firm of Lewis Glasser Casey & Rollins, PLLC. has submitted a competitive proposal for legal services pursuant to Section E of Policy # WVAG0-004, based on the following factors:

- Lewis Glasser possesses the particular and specialized expertise election law and the collection of debts by state agencies.
- Lewis Glasser has offices in Kanawha County, West Virginia, the geographic area where the legal services will be performed.
- Lewis Glasser is providing the needed legal services at a competitive rate.

Based on the factors set forth above, and in consultation with the WVSOS, the Office of the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of Lewis Glasser to serve as outside counsel for the legal matters cited herein pursuant to Section (E) of Policy # WVAGO-004.

  
J. Robert Leslie  
Senior Deputy Attorney General

Date Signed: February 29, 2016