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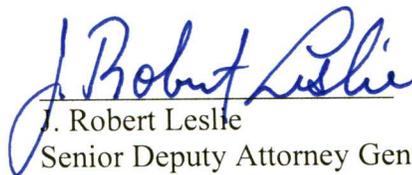
**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE
APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF
THE WEST VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE**

The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office (hereinafter "WVSOS") is seeking the assistance of outside counsel to provide legal assistance with potential litigation involving collection of civil penalties related to the regulation and control of elections.

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:

- The matter at issue requires particular and specialized expertise in election law.
- The matter requires experience and expertise in collection law, particularly the collection of debts by state agencies.
- Kanawha County is the 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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Date Signed: September 30, 2015