STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 20th day of November, 2013, the following order was made and entered:

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW

On a former day, September 6, 2013, the Court published for comment amendments to the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law, proposing that members of the Board of Law Examiners be residents of the State of West Virginia. A comment was filed by board member Lee Murray Hall, suggesting that the proposal be modified to require that the board members be either residents of the State of West Virginia or employed full time within the State of West Virginia.

Upon consideration of the proposal and the comment thereon, the Court is of opinion to and does hereby adopt proposed amendments to the rule, as modified, to require that board members of the Board of Law Examiners be either residents of the State of West Virginia or employed full time in the State of West Virginia. Justice Loughry would require members of the Board of Law Examiners to be residents of the State of West Virginia. Insertions are indicated by underscoring, deletions by strikethrough, as follows:

" Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law

Rule 1.0. Board of Law Examiners.

- (a) Membership.-The Board of Law Examiners shall consist of seven (7) members of the West Virginia State Bar who shall each be residents of the State of West Virginia or be employed full time within the State of West Virginia, and shall be appointed by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. The term of all members shall be seven years, except that the original appointments to the new seven-member Board shall be for terms of one, two, three, four, five, six, and seven years, respectively. Term of office shall begin on the first day of January of the appropriate year and end on the thirty-first day of December of the appropriate year. Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by the Supreme Court of Appeals by appointment for the unexpired term.
- (b) Removal.-No member may be removed from office except for official misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duty, or immorality, provided, however, that the expiration

or revocation of the professional license, or change of residency or employment qualification of a member of the Board shall be cause for his or her removal.

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