

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 30th day of March, 2015, the following order was made and entered:

RE: EXTENSION OF TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNUAL FEE FOR OUT-OF-STATE LAWYERS ADMITTED PRO HAC VICE UNDER RULE 8 OF THE RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW

By order entered December 12, 2014, the Court approved measures to allow the State Bar to effectuate the orderly assessment of the annual fee of \$350 to be paid by out-of-state lawyers admitted *pro hac vice* for one year or more. *See* Rule 8(e), Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law.

The West Virginia State Bar has contacted local counsel for all out-of-state attorneys admitted *pro hac vice* between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2014, and has required local counsel to: (1) report whether the matters in which the out-of-state attorney was admitted are pending or are closed; (2) to provide an order that confirms case closure, if applicable; and (3) to contact out-of-state attorneys in cases that are pending and arrange for the out-of-state attorney to register with the West Virginia State Bar and pay the annual fee by March 31, 2015.

If the reporting is not completed or the annual fee is not paid by March 31, 2015, the State Bar is authorized to contact local counsel with a final warning to indicate that the *pro hac vice* admission will be automatically terminated on May 1, 2015 if the reporting is not completed or the annual fee is not paid by midnight on April 30, 2015. Instances in which *pro hac vice* admission is terminated will be reviewed by the Court for possible referral to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel or other sanctions, if appropriate.

Thereafter, beginning in 2016, March 1 is hereby established as the anniversary date for all out-of-state lawyers admitted *pro hac vice* between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2014 for purposes of all future annual statements of fees due as required by Rule 8(e).

In accordance with Rule 8(h), the West Virginia State Bar is authorized to require these transactions to be completed electronically, and is further authorized to take such other measures that are reasonably necessary to coordinate with local counsel to assess and collect the annual fee from out-of-state lawyers admitted *pro hac vice* between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2014.

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Attest: //s// Rory L. Perry II
Clerk of Court

