

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 28th day of March, 2013, the following order was made and entered:

IN RE: Request for Comments on Amendments to Rules of the West Virginia Lawyer Assistance Program

On this day, came the Court on its own motion and proceeded to consider amendments to the Rules of the West Virginia Lawyer Assistance Program.

Upon Consideration whereof, the Court is of the opinion to and does hereby approve a period of public comment on the proposed amendments, to conclude on April 29, 2013, with comments to be filed in writing with the Clerk of this Court. Additions are indicated by underlining, deletions are indicated by strikethrough as follows:

Rules of the West Virginia Lawyer Assistance Program

Rule 1. Establishment of the West Virginia Lawyer Assistance Program (WVLAP).

(c) *Funding and Administration.* — (1) The salary of the executive director, and staff, if any, their expenses, administrative costs, and the expenses of the members of WVLAP shall be paid from funds provided by The West Virginia State Bar. The total annual salaries, costs, and expenses of the program paid from State Bar member dues for each year shall not exceed \$60,000. Each year WVLAP shall submit a proposed annual budget for the next year to the Board of Governors detailing the projected revenues and expenses, subject to the \$60,000 limitation. (2) WVLAP shall seek to establish additional private and public sources of funding that may include gifts or bequests from any source and earnings on investments of the WVLAP fund; ~~however such funding shall not increase the limitation on annual expenses of the program as set forth herein.~~

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Attest:


Deputy Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals