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Purchasing Division
2019 Washings Street East
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## Specifications

### Bureau for Public Health FY 2007 Hearing Examiners Agreement

The Bureau for Public Health (Bureau) is requesting bids for part-time hearing examiner services to be provided for Offices and Programs within the Bureau to include but not be limited to the Office of Health, Facility Licensure and Certification, the Office of Environmental Health Services, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services. The hearings may be conducted at various locations statewide.

General Requirements of the Hearing Examiner:

- 1. Vendor must be licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia
- 2. Vendor must have a minimum of ten (10) years experience as a trial attorney with five
- (5) Years experience as a hearing examiner or as an administrative law judge.
- 3. Vendor must be knowledgeable of and comply with the requirements of the Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act
- 4. Vendor receives no travel reimbursement.

Vendor must have knowledge of applicable West Virginia Code Sections, including but not limited to the following

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A thorough knowledge of both federal and state rules, including, but not limited to the following:

42CFR483, et seq. 64CSR 9 64CSR 19 64CSR75	64CSR1 64CSR11 64CSR 47 64CSR77	64CSR 3 64CSR12 64CSR50 69CSR1	64CSR 4 64CSR13 64CSR56 69CSR6	64CSR14 64CSR60
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## Scope of Work

Vendor shall hold hearings in accordance with the applicable statutes, rules and/or regulations.

Vendor shall issue written (typed) Recommended Decisions within thirty (30) days, or less if required by law, of the hearing examiner's receipt of the parties Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law. These decisions must address the following topics:

- a. Procedural History
- b. Motions/Rulings
- c. Issues
- d. Findings of Fact, which must include proper citations to all relevant facts.
- e. Conclusions of Law, which must discuss the burden of proof and all relevant legal authority.

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f. A discussion of the credibility of the witnesses, testimony, exhibits etc., and a discussion of the application of law to the facts.

g. Proposed Decision

h. The decision must also include references to all exhibits presented at the hearing and those exhibits must be properly marked and attached to the decision.

Hearing examiners who do not submit written decisions according to the terms of the contract may not be reimbursed for their time.

#### **Invoices**

Services provided under this contract should be submitted for payment within 30 days after the last day of the month in which the services were performed. (e.g. Services performed on July 1, 2006 should be invoiced no later than August 30, 2006) The vendor should not wait to bill at the time a case is completed. The purpose of this invoicing schedule is to permit the allocation of charges for services to the appropriate funding source time period in a timely manner. Failure to submit invoices in a timely manner may result in denial of payment

#### **Evaluation of Bids**

This will be a progressive award contract for the Bureau for Public Health to establish a pool of Hearing Examiners. All vendors who demonstrate their qualifications/experience and are in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar will be awarded a contract and, as needed, Offices from the Bureau will select a vendor to provide Hearing Examiner services. The award will be made according to each vendor's bid response and lowest costs. Low bid will be designated as BPH70340A, next lowest bid will be designated as BPH70340B, and so on. The agency will contact vendor "A" first to provide their needs. If vendor "A" cannot provide services, the agency will go to vendor "B:, and so on.

**NOTE:** The issuance of a contract does not obligate nor require the Bureau or the State of West Virginia to purchase any services.

#### Successful Bidder

All successful bidders must:

- 1. Register with The State of West Virginia, Purchasing Division and pay the vendor registration fee. (Not required to bid.)
- 2. Provide proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage if coverage is required by law.

Hearing Examiner Services

All inclusive hourly rate \$ 1.25,00

If a hearing is not held on the date originally scheduled, there will be no payment to the hearing examiner. Anytime there is a no show of the petitioner for a hearing that has been set, the hearing will proceed and the hearing examiner will be paid for services provided and invoiced.

Bidder must provide the following:

- 1. Proof of license to practice law within the State of West Virginia
- 2. A statement that he/she is in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar Association.
- 3. Attorney's resume to include previous experience/familiarity with Bureau Offices and Programs as referenced in the General Requirements section of this document.
- 4. A completed "Employment History Disclosure Statement" (If applicable).

5. A statement that he/she is knowledgeable of and will comply with, the requirements of the Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act.

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## AFFIDAVIT

#### West Virginia Code §5A-3-10a states:

No contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and the debt owned is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

"Debt" means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

"Debtor" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association owing a debt to the state or any of its political subdivisions.

"Political subdivision" means any county commission; municipality; county board of education; any instrumentality established by a county or municipality; any separate corporation or instrumentality established by one or more counties or municipalities, as permitted by law; or any public body charged by law with the performance of a government function or whose jurisdiction is coextensive with one or more counties or municipalities.

"Related party" means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceed five percent of the total contract amount.

#### **EXCEPTION:**

The prohibition of this section does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of this code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

#### LICENSING:

The vendor must be licensed in accordance with any and all state requirements to do business with the state of West Virginia.

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY:**

The vendor agrees that he or she will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the agency's policies, procedures and rules. Vendors should visit <a href="https://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy">www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy</a> for the Notice of Agency Confidentiality Policies.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (West Virginia Code, §61-5-3), it is hereby certified that the vendor acknowledges the information in this said affidavit and are in compliance with the requirements as stated.

Vendor's Name: <u>STE</u>	EVEN JOHNSTON KNOPP			
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#### AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

WV-96 Rev. 5/94

In the event of conflict between this addendum and the agreement, this addendum shall control:

- 1. ARBITRATION Any references to arbitration contained in the agreement are hereby deleted. Disputes arising out of the agreement shall be presented to the West Virginia Court of Claims.
- 2. HOLD HARMLESS Any clause requiring the Agency to indemnify or hold harmless any party is hereby deleted in its entirety.
- GOVERNING LAW The agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia. This provision replaces any references to any other State's
  governing law.
- 4. TAXES Provisions in the agreement requiring the Agency to pay taxes are deleted. As a State entity, the Agency is exempt from Federal, State, and local taxes and will not pay taxes for any Vendor including individuals, nor will the Agency file any tax returns or reports on behalf of Vendor or any other party.
- 5. PAYMENT Any references to prepayment are deleted. Payment will be in arrears.
- 6. <u>INTEREST</u> Should the agreement include a provision for interest on late payments, the Agency agrees to pay the maximum legal rate under West Virginia law. All other references to interest or late charges are deleted.
- 7. RECOUPMENT Any language in the agreement waiving the Agency's right to set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, or other defense is hereby deleted.
- 8. FISCAL YEAR FUNDING Service performed under the agreement may be continued in succeeding fiscal years for the term of the agreement, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being available for this service. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for this service, the agreement shall terminate without penalty on June 30. After that date, the agreement becomes of no effect and is null and void. However, the Agency agrees to use its best efforts to have the amounts contemplated under the agreement included in its budget. Non-appropriation or non-funding shall not be considered an event of default.
- STATUTE OF LIMITATION Any clauses limiting the time in which the Agency may bring suit against the Vendor, lessor, individual, or any other party are deleted.
- 10. <u>SIMILAR SERVICES</u> Any provisions limiting the Agency's right to obtain similar services or equipment in the event of default or non-funding during the term of the agreement are hereby deleted.
- 11. <u>ATTORNEY FEES</u> The Agency recognizes an obligation to pay attorney's fees or costs only when assessed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Any other provision is invalid and considered null and void.
- 12. ASSIGNMENT Notwithstanding any clause to the contrary, the Agency reserves the right to assign the agreement to another State of West Virginia agency, board or commission upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Vendor and Vendor shall obtain the written consent of Agency prior to assigning the agreement.
- 13. <u>LIMITATION OF LIABILITY</u> The Agency, as a State entity, cannot agree to assume the potential liability of a Vendor. Accordingly, any provision limiting the Vendor's liability for direct damages or limiting the Vendor's liability under a warranty to a certain dollar amount or to the amount of the agreement is hereby deleted. In addition, any limitation is null and void to the extent that it precludes any action for injury to persons or for damages to personal property.
- 14. RIGHT TO TERMINATE Agency shall have the right to terminate the agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Vendor.
- 15. <u>TERMINATION CHARGES</u> Any provision requiring the Agency to pay a fixed amount or liquidated damages upon termination of the agreement is hereby deleted. The Agency may only agree to reimburse a Vendor for actual costs incurred or losses sustained during the current fiscal year due to wrongful termination by the Agency prior to the end of any current agreement term.
- 16. RENEWAL Any reference to automatic renewal is hereby deleted. The agreement may be renewed only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
- 17. INSURANCE Any provision requiring the Agency to insure equipment or property of any kind and name the Vendor as beneficiary or as an additional insured is hereby deleted.
- 18. <u>RIGHT TO NOTICE</u> Any provision for repossession of equipment without notice is hereby deleted. However, the Agency does recognize a right of repossession with notice.
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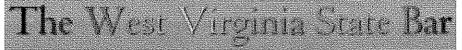
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Public Defender Corporation for the Thirtieth Judicial District Public Defender	October 1999-present
West Virginia State Bar, Office of Disciplinary Counsel Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel	July 1995 to October 1999
Private consulting practice	July 1993 - July 1995
Office of Judges, WV Workers' Compensation Fund Administrative Law Judge; Deputy Chief ALJ	August 1991 to July 1995
Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Kanawha County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	January 1987 to August 1991
West Virginia Lottery Commission Assistant to the Director, Counsel to Commission	March 1986 to January 1987
Attorney General of West Virginia, Environmental Task Force Assistant Attorney General	June 1983 to March 1986
West Virginia Department of Natural Resources Division of Water Resources Construction Grants Unit Leader	1979 - 1980; 1975 - 1977
Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction Courts Program Planner	1977 - 1979

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West Virginia University College of Law	J.D. 1983
National College of Advocacy (ATLA), Trial Advocacy	January 1984
National District Attorneys Association, Trial Advocacy	May 1989
The National Judicial College, Hearing Officer / ALJ Training	October 1993
West Virginia State Bar Basic and Advanced Mediation Training	1997 - 1998
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Kanawha County Bar Association and Mingo County Bar Association (Secretary-Treasurer 1999-2004).

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National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

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#### CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS

- Officer's Update, WV State Bar Regional Meetings, Bluefield, Huntington, and Logan WV, November 2005.
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- Ethics in <u>Pro Bono Publico</u> Practice, Justice for All Day, Pro Bono Referral Project, Morgantown WV, May 31, 1997.
- Ethics Update for Impartial Hearing Officers, WV Department of Education, South Charleston WV, May 19, 1997.
- Welcome to the Trenches- Ethical Considerations for Newly-Elected Prosecutors, WV Prosecuting Attorneys Association, Charleston WV, January 3, 1997.
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- Legal Ethics Update, WVU-Continuing Legal Education, Morgantown WV, October 28, 1995.
- Processing a Workers Compensation Claim Under the New Time Standards-Treatment Issues, WVU-Continuing Legal Education, Charleston WV, December 8, 1994.

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Ethics in the Criminal Justice System, Marshall University Department of Criminal Justice, Huntington WV, December 2, 1996, March 19, 1997, and October 14, 1997.



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