

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004, the following order was made and entered:

**IN RE:           Provisional Approval of Amendments to The West Virginia  
                  Trial Court Rules, Rule 31.01(e).**

On this day came the Court on its own motion and proceeded to consider proposed amendments to Rule 31.01 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, governing Bonding Agents and Bail Bonds.

Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of opinion to and doth hereby provisionally approve amendments to the Rule, with a period of public comment to conclude on August 15, 2004, with comments to be filed with the Clerk of this Court, to read as follows:

31.01 Generally.

“(e) Persons authorized to engage in the bonding business in criminal cases in the State of West Virginia on the effective date of House Bill 4148, passed March 13, 2004, shall continue to engage in the business under the local rules and orders under which such person qualified pursuant to the existing provisions of W. Va. Code § 51-10-8. The authority to continue in the bonding business shall continue until such time as the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals adopts rules pursuant to the amendments made to W. Va. Code § 51-10-8 by House Bill 4148. Persons intending to make a new application for such qualification shall be entitled to proceed to do so under rules and orders promulgated prior to September 1, 2004 providing therefore, until such time as the West Virginia

Supreme Court of Appeals adopts rules pursuant to the amendments made to W. Va. Code  
§ 51-10-8 by House Bill 4148.”

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Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals