

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MINGO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
BUSINESS COURT DIVISION**

DEBRA BISHOP, as Executor of the Estate of Dallas
Runyon, and DAVID E. RUNYON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No.: 17-C-108
Presiding: Judge Akers
Resolution: Judge Wilkes

CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
OF WEST VIRGINIA d/b/a FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS
OF WEST VIRGINIA, FRONTIER WEST VIRGINIA, INC.,
and APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY,

Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF SOFIA GRACE SYED

The matter before the Court is the Motion of Defendants, Citizens Telecommunications Company of West Virginia d/b/a Frontier Communications of West Virginia and Frontier West Virginia, Inc. for *Pro Hac Vice* Admission of Sofia Grace Syed, pursuant to Rule 8.0 of the West Virginia Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law. Because the Motion and Verified Statement are in compliance with Rule 8.0 and because Marc E. Williams, an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court, or other qualified members of his law firm, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, have endorsed the admission *pro hac vice* of Sofia Grace Syed, and represented that they will be the responsible local attorney as required by Rule 8.0, the Court is of the opinion that the Motion should be granted.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Sofia Grace Syed, be admitted to the practice of law in West Virginia for the sole and limited purpose of participating as co-counsel for the Defendants, Citizens Telecommunications Company of West Virginia d/b/a Frontier Communications of West Virginia and Frontier West Virginia, Inc. in the present civil action.

It is further **ORDERED**, pursuant to Rule 8.0 of the West Virginia Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law, that the responsible local attorney or another attorney with the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley Scarborough, LLP, shall be required to sign all pleadings and affix the attorney's West Virginia State Bar ID number thereto and required to attend all hearings, trials or proceedings actually conducted before the judge, tribunal or other body of the State of West Virginia for which the applicant has sought admission *pro hac vice*. The local attorney shall further attend the taking of depositions and other actions that occur in the proceedings which are not actually conducted before the judge, tribunal or other body of the State of West Virginia for which the applicant has sought admission *pro hac vice*, and shall be a responsible attorney in the matter in all other respects.

Entered this 20th day of March, 2023.


Hon. Mary Claire Akers

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