

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

On September 30, 2025, at the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the following order was made and entered:

**RE: AMENDMENTS TO COMMENT 11 OF RULE 1.7 OF RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, No. 21-Rules-06**

On a former date, the Court considered proposed amendments to Comment 11 of Rule 1.7 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The Court has jurisdiction of court rules under Article VIII, §§ 1 and 3 of the West Virginia Constitution.

On January 21, 2021, the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Association filed a response to the proposed amendments. On October 14, 2021, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel filed a response to the proposed amendments. On October 22, 2021, Timothy E. Haught, Wetzel County Prosecuting Attorney, and others filed a response to the proposed amendments.

Upon consideration and review, the Court refuses to adopt the proposed changes to Comment 11 to Rule 1.7 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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Attest: /s/ C. Casey Forbes  
Clerk of Court

