

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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On September 3, 2025, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia made and entered the following order:

*In re* B.J.

No. 25-227 (Wood County No. CC-54-2024-JA-129)

SaraBeth Jett, Esq.

Respondent to the Rule to Show Cause

**RULE TO SHOW CAUSE IN CONTEMPT**

On September 3, 2025, the Court proceeded to consider sanctions for the child's guardian ad litem, SaraBeth Jett's failure to file a respondent's brief or summary response and comply with orders of this Court.

The April 7, 2025, scheduling order entered in this appeal directed the respondents to file a respondent's brief or summary response on or before June 18, 2025. The guardian ad litem did not file a brief. A notice of intent to sanction was entered on July 15, 2025, directing SaraBeth Jett, Esq. to file a brief or summary response on or before July 29, 2025, and reminding her that failure to file a brief or summary response may result in sanctions being imposed against her. To date, SaraBeth Jett has not filed a respondent's brief or summary response.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion that a rule to show cause in contempt should be awarded. It is ORDERED that a rule does issue directed against SaraBeth Jett, Esq., the child's guardian ad litem and respondent to the rule to show cause, returnable before this Court at its courtroom in the City of Charleston, County of Kanawha, on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 1:40 p.m.** commanding and directing her to show cause, if any she can, why she should not be held in contempt of this Court for his failure to file a respondent's brief or otherwise respond to orders of this Court, unless sooner mooted by filing a respondent's brief, or summary response, that fully complies with the Rules of Appellate Procedure. The Clerk of Court will, on a later date, provide

counsel with a Notice of Argument under Rule 19(b) containing further information on the time of argument.

The Court directs the Clerk of Court to refer the actions of SaraBeth Jett in failing to file a respondent's brief, or otherwise respond to orders of this Court, to the Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be sent to the Honorable Jason Wharton, Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Service of an attested copy of this order constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

A True Copy

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

