

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

On December 29, 2025, at the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia the following order was made and entered:

RE: REFUSAL TO ADOPT NEW RULE OF THE WEST VIRGINIA RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, No. 25-299

On April 9, 2025, Roy Carleton Howell, Assistant Public Defender, proposed a new rule to be added to the West Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Court has jurisdiction of court rules under Article VIII, §§ 1 and 3 of the West Virginia Constitution. Upon consideration and review, the Court refuses to adopt the proposed new rule the West Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

