IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF [*county*] COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

v. [*case number*]

Hon. [*name*]

[*name-all caps*],

 Defendant.

**CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL**

The undersigned, as counsel for the above-named Defendant, [insert defendant’s name], hereby certifies as follows:

 1. That counsel has read and fully explained to Defendant the allegations contained in this case.

 2. That to the best of counsel’s knowledge and belief, the statements, representations, and declarations made by Defendant in the foregoing Petition are in all respects accurate and true.

 3. That the plea of “Guilty” as offered by Defendant in paragraph ten (10) of the foregoing Petition accord with my understanding of the facts as related to me by Defendant.

 4. That in counsel’s opinion Defendant’s pleas of “Guilty” are voluntarily, knowingly, intelligently, and understandingly made, and I recommend to the Court that the plea be accepted. Further, it is counsel’s opinion that Defendant is not under the influence of alcohol, drugs, narcotics or any other foreign substance which might in any way affect Defendant’s judgment or understanding of the matters set forth in the Petition or of these proceedings.

 5. That in counsel’s opinion, the plea of “Guilty” offered by Defendant in paragraph ten (10) of the foregoing Petition should be now accepted and entered on behalf of the Defendant.

Signed in the presence of Defendant, [insert defendant’s name], and after full discussion of the contents of this Certificate with the Defendant, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

 [*defendant*],

By Counsel

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