

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
BUSINESS COURT DIVISION

HIGHMARK WEST VIRGINIA, INC.,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 18-C-271
Presiding Judge: Shawn D. Nines
Resolution Judge: Christopher C. Wilkes

MEDTEST LABORATORIES LLC,
BRICE AND/OR BILLY TAYLOR,
MUHAMMAD AMJAD, PH.D.,
MICHAEL CHEN, PH.D., JAMES
TAYLOR, and VITAS LABORATORY, LLC,

Defendants.

and

MEDTEST LABORATORIES, LLC,

Counterclaim-Plaintiff,

HIGHMARK WEST VIRGINIA, INC., et. al,

Counterclaim and
Third-Party Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF COVERT J. GEARY

Pending is the "MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF COVERT J. GEARY," who is an attorney in good standing with the Bar of the State of Louisiana. Covert J. Geary seeks admission *pro hac vice* as co-counsel for Louisiana Health Service & Indemnity Company, d/b/a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, Excellus Health Plan, Inc., Cambia Health Solutions, USABLE Mutual Insurance Company d/b/a Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Blue Advantage Administrators of Arkansas, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc., California Physicians Service d/b/a Blue Shield of California,

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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Triple-S Salud, Inc., Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont, Independence Blue Cross, and Florida Blue.

The Court finds that the attorney's Application for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* satisfies the requirements of Rule 8.0 of the West Virginia Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law and Rule 4.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules and therefore **ORDERS** that Covert J. Geary be admitted to participate as co-counsel for Louisiana Health Service & Indemnity Company, d/b/a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, Excellus Health Plan, Inc., Cambia Health Solutions, USABLE Mutual Insurance Company d/b/a Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Blue Advantage Administrators of Arkansas, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc., California Physicians Service d/b/a Blue Shield of California, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Triple-S Salud, Inc., Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont, Independence Blue Cross, and Florida Blue in the case styled *Highmark West Virginia, Inc. v. MedTest Laboratories, LLC, et al. v. Highmark West Virginia Inc., et al.*, which bears Civil Action No. 18-C-271 and **ORDERS** Thomas J. Hurney, Jr. and the law firm of Jackson Kelly, PLLC to act as local counsel for Louisiana Health Service & Indemnity Company, d/b/a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, Excellus Health Plan, Inc., Cambia Health Solutions, USABLE Mutual Insurance Company d/b/a Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Blue Advantage Administrators of Arkansas, BlueCross

BlueShield of South Carolina, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc., California Physicians Service d/b/a Blue Shield of California, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Triple-S Salud, Inc., Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont, Independence Blue Cross, and Florida Blue.

In compliance with the requirements under Rule 8.0(C), Admission *pro hac vice* of the West Virginia Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law, the fee of \$350.00, made payable to the West Virginia State Bar, is to be sent along with a copy of the Application for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* to the West Virginia State Bar.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to counsel of record upon its entry with the Court.

Entered this 19th day of August, 2019.

Sharon D. Nino

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