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Dr. Bruce Berry

Chair

Bruce Berry, M.D., of Morgantown, recently retired as the medical director at Colombo& Stuhr, P.L.L.C. where he oversaw risk management and quality assurance. For nearly thirty years, Dr. Berry practiced medicine at a private practice in Charleston. Dr. Berry also served as a clinical instructor, clinical assistant professor, and clinical associate professor at West Virginia University's School of Medicine campus at the Charleston Area Medical Center. In addition to his work with WVU, Dr. Berry served as a clinical associate professor with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Berry graduated with an A.B. in biology, M.S. in embryology, and a M.D. from West Virginia University.

Jenny Allen

Vice Chair

Jenny Allen, of Shepherdstown, served as vice chair of the $26 million Create the Future campaign for Shepherd University, the institution's first comprehensive fundraising initiative. She is currently the president of the board of the Contemporary American Theater Festival at Shepherd, a significant driver of the Eastern Panhandle economy that brings thousands of visitors to West Virginia each summer. From 2005-2010 she was a member of the West Virginia Public Broadcasting Foundation board. She has been a trustee of North Country School and Camp Treetops in Lake Placid, NY, since 2006. Ms. Allen earned a B.A. from Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., an M.A. from the University of Georgia, and recently completed the Executive Certificate program in Nonprofit Management at Georgetown University.

Kathy G. Eddy

Secretary

Kathy G. Eddy,
CPA is a shareholder in McDonough, Eddy, Parsons & Baylous, A.C., located in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Ms. Eddy joined the firm in 1974 and became a shareholder in 1981. She is a graduate of Marshall University with B.A. in accounting. She became a Certified Public Accountant in 1978. She has been active in her profession at the national level, serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the 340,000 member professional organization, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). She was awarded the AICPA Gold Medal for Distinguished Service. In addition to her service to her profession at the national level she has served the accounting profession in West Virginia including the West Virginia Society of CPAs and the West Virginia Board of Accountancy by holding all offices, including President of both organizations. Until her recent appointment to the Higher Education Policy Commission she was a member of Marshall University's Lewis College of Business Board of Advisors and the Accounting Curriculum and Accreditation Committee. She is the recipient of the Marshall Distinguished Alumni Award and a member of the Lewis College of Business Hall of Fame. She has been involved in many community organizations and continues to serve on the Board of Directors of Camden Clark Memorial Hospital.

Michael J. Farrell, Esq.

Michael J. Farrell is the Founding Member of Farrell, White & Legg, PLLC, a Huntington law firm. He graduated from Marshall University in 1969 with a B.S. He graduated from the West Virginia University College of Law with a Doctorate of Jurisprudence in 1974. He served as Interim President of Marshall University in 2005. Cumulatively, he served eleven years as a member of the Marshall University Board of Governors and its predecessor, Marshall University Advisory Board. At Marshall, he also served as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. As a Marshall student, he was Student Body President, a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a Distinguished Military Graduate and the First Student Member of the President’s Cabinet. He also served as MARCO, the school mascot. At the WVU College of Law, he served two terms on the Visiting Committee including a year as Chairman. As a law student, he was an oralist on the 1973 National and World Champion, Jessup International Law Moot Court Team. He was Senior Class President, a member of law review and served as Chief Justice of the Moot Court Board as well as Captain of both the National and International Moot Court Teams. He is a member of Mountain, WVU’s Ranking Men’s Honorary. Professionally, he has been elected to the American College of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates and West Virginia Bar Foundation. He served as President of the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia, President of the West Virginia ABOTA Chapter and Chairman of the West Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Section. He also served on the Board of Directors of the West Virginia State Bar, Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia, Mid-Atlantic Technology, Research & Innovation Center, Advantage Valley and Chemical Alliance Zone and Guyan Golf & Country Club. He has

twice been appointed Special Assistant Attorney General of West Virginia including the “Recht Decision” case regarding the constitutionality of financing K-12 public education. His prior higher education service includes membership on the University System Board of Trustees and Vice-Chair and then Acting Chairman of the Higher Education Interim Governing Board. He currently co-teaches the Pharmacy Law & Ethics courses as Adjunct Faculty at the Marshall University School of Pharmacy. He holds appointments as a Clinical Associate Professor in both the Department of Surgery and Family Practice at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He is an Honorary Member of the MUJCESOM Alumni Association. He has been inducted into the Marshall University College of Business Hall of Fame. As a lawyer, Chambers U.S.A. recognizes him as a Band 1, General Commercial Litigator. The “Best Lawyers in America” have recognized him continuously from 1997 to the present. Its current listings for him include “Bet the Company” litigation, Defense of Products Liability, Defense of Personal Injury Litigation and Labor & Employment Litigation. He is one of four West Virginia lawyers recognized by International Who’s Who for Product Liability Defense. He has published two book chapters. His law review articles and monographs have been published by the West Virginia Law Review, Defense Law Journal, American Journal of Trial Advocacy and the Defense Research Institute. He lectures frequently to professional continuing education audiences that include judges, lawyers, doctors, dentists, engineers and employers. He has served two terms as President of Guyan Golf & Country Club. In previous years, he served as President of a Little League baseball league and the Huntington YMCA Soccer League.

Gary G. White

Gary G. White is the President and COO of International Resource Partners, LP, a subsidiary of James River Coal Company. He previously served as President and CEO of International Industries, Inc., President and CEO of the West Virginia Coal Association, Manger of Underground Mining at Amherst Coal Company, and Corporate Training Coordinator at Island Creek Coal Company. He is a member of the Board of Directors of United Bankshares, Inc., a member of the Board of Advisors of West Virginia Media Holdings, LLC, member (and immediate past chairman) of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Coal Association, member of the Board of Directors of the Marshall University Foundation, and member of the Board of Directors of the Larry Joe Harless Community Center Foundation, Inc. A graduate of Marshall University, he also is former member and past chairman of the Marshall University Board of Governors, former member of the Community Trust Bancorp, Inc. Board of Directors, former member of the RAG American Coal, Inc. Board of Directors, former member and vice president of the West Virginia Board of Education, former member of the University of Pikeville Board of Trustees, and former Director of Transition for Governor Cecil Underwood. He was a 2012 inductee to the West Virginia Coal Hall of Fame, was named an honorary Doctor of Science by the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in 2012, was inducted into the West Virginia University College of Business and Economics Hall of Fame in 2007, received distinguished achievement awards from the West Virginia Education Alliance and the Marshall University Alumni Association, and was inducted into the Marshall University Elizabeth McDowell Lewis School of Business Hall of Fame in 2003.

Clarence Pennington

Ex-Officio, Chair, WV Council for Community and

Technical College Education

Clarence (Butch) Pennington is a lifelong resident of Martinsburg and is chief operation officer of several small businesses across Berkeley County. Mr. Pennington is president of the West Virginia Gasoline Dealers and the Automotive Repair Industry. He is also chairman of the West Virginia Retailers and Wholesalers Alcohol Beverage

Committee. He has served on the Berkeley County Planning Commission and chaired numerous civic and charitable activities. He served in the West Virginia 167th Air National Guard Unit from 1968 to 1975 and has been active in local and state politics. Mr. Pennington was awarded as the West Virginia State Democrat of the Year in 2002. He graduated from local schools and attended Shepherd University.

Kay H. Goodwin

Ex-Officio, Secretary of Education and the Arts

Kay Huffman Goodwin, of Ripley, serves as West Virginia Secretary of Education and the Arts. She is responsible for six government agencies in her role as Secretary. Previously, she served as chair of the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees. She is a former member of the state Educational Broadcasting Authority, and former instructor at West Virginia University, West Virginia State College, and the Department of Defense Information School. Secretary Goodwin is a former member of the Board of Directors of West Virginia University Hospitals and the United Health System, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences. She earned a B.A. and an M.A. from West Virginia University.

David K. Hendrickson, Esq.

David K. Hendrickson is the Founding Managing Partner of Hendrickson and Long, P.L.L.C. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, and Juris Doctorate from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1982. He is a veteran, leaving active duty after completing a four-year tour of service as a Captain in the United States Army. Mr. Hendrickson is a new inductee into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He has also been recognized by several national publications including Chambers, USA, Best Lawyers in America, and Litigation Magazine in the area of Corporate Litigation. While at West Virginia University, Mr. Hendrickson served as the student body president and was the second ever student voting member on the West Virginia Board of Regents. He is a past national president of the West Virginia University Alumni Association and was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, 2004. Mr. Hendrickson served as the legal correspondent to the Charleston, ABC affiliate, WCHS-TV and conducted a news segment titled “The Legal Pad.” He currently serves on the Boards of several charitable, civic and social organizations.

Coming Soon

Dr. John Leon

John Leon, M.D. was born in Steubenville, Ohio and grew up in Wellsburg, West Virginia. He attended the University of Notre Dame in South end, Indiana, where he played varsity football and received a BA in Psychology. After receiving his MD from West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown, he completed an internship and residency. Dr. Leon is board certified in Diagnostic Radiology with Special Competence in Nuclear Medicine. He joined Radiological Physician Associates in July of 1988 and now serves as president of the corporation. He is also Chief of Radiology at Fairmont General Hospital and is past president of the Marion County Medical Society.

Dr. James B. Phares

Ex-Officio, State Superintendent of Schools

James B. Phares is West Virginia's 28th state superintendent of schools, assuming the role Jan. 2, 2013.

As superintendent, Phares oversees West Virginia's public school system, which includes 55 individual school districts, serving about 282,000 students in preschool through 12th grade with an operating budget in excess of $2.5 billion.

Phares, who has a doctorate in education administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, has nearly 40 years of experience as a classroom teacher, university instructor, principal, assistant principal and county superintendent.

A native of Elkins, he earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education at West Virginia University and a masters in school administration from Lynchburg College in Virginia. Phares has experience in West Virginia schools in Marion, Pocahontas and Randolph counties as well as university experience as an adjunct professor at WVU and Lynchburg College.

During his career, Phares has received multiple awards. In 2006, he was named the West Virginia Music Educator Superintendent of the Year. A year later, he was named the West Virginia Association of School Administrators.

Superintendent of the Year, the Marion County Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year and a West Virginia Distinguished Mountaineer. He has been a national finalist for the American Association of School Administrators. Superintendent of the Year award and was inducted in 2009 to the WVU Department of Education and Human Resources Hall of Fame. Also, he was named the 2011 Educator of the Year by the Randolph County Chamber of Commerce.

Known for his in-depth knowledge of school personnel and operations garnered during 14 years as a county superintendent, Phares has earned a reputation for turning around troubled schools. He was hired by the Randolph Board of Education in 2009 after a report by the Office of Education Performance Audits outlined several deficiencies that could have led to a state board intervention. Phares helped lead the school system through the turmoil, and full accreditation was given to the system. He also helped spearhead an excess levy that passed in 2010, a first in Randolph County since 1989.

Since 2006, Phares has been a member of the Southern Regional Education Board Leadership Transformation Task Force for improving educational leadership in middle and high school programs. He also is a member of the West Virginia Leadership Standards Task Force for teachers, principals and superintendents as well as the West Virginia Rural Superintendents Initiative for the improvement of Superintendent Preparation Programs.

His experience includes a vast knowledge of school finance, including grants, Step 7, Title 1, II, IV, special education and vocational funding. In addition, he has kept schools under his guidance on the cutting edge of technology. He continuously strives to make available tools for measuring students. progress and deficiencies.

On the national level, Phares has participated in multiple national conferences on using technology for turning around schools and school systems, including the Southern Region Education Board, National Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Reading Association, Ohio State Superintendents Conference, and the American Association of School Administrators Conference.