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Charleston, WV – The West Virginia State Bar is pleased to announce that Kevin Baker will join the State Bar as its new Executive Director effective December 1, 2025. He succeeds Mary Jane Pickens, who is retiring as of January 1, 2026.

As Executive Director, Mr. Baker will report directly to the State Bar Board of Governors and will lead the strategic direction set by the Board and oversee the operations and activities of the State Bar.

Mr. Baker brings a broad range of leadership experience that includes City Attorney for the City of Charleston and Counsel to the Judiciary Committee and to the Minority Leader in the West Virginia Senate. Additionally, he has served as law clerk for the Honorable Joseph R. Goodwin, United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia and has owned and operated his own law firm.

The West Virginia State Bar is an agency of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. The objects of the State Bar are to protect the interests of the public; to advance the administration of justice and the science of jurisprudence; to improve the relations between the public and the bench and the bar; to uphold and elevate the standards of honor, integrity, competency and courtesy in the legal profession; and to encourage cordial relations among its members. The State Bar gives effect to the rules of the Supreme Court and performs the functions expressed in its constitution and bylaws.