

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §33-10-4E

## **§33-10-4e. Confidentiality.**

(a) In all proceedings and judicial reviews under section four of this article, all records of the insurer, other documents and all insurance department files and court records and papers, so far as they pertain to or are a part of the record of the proceedings, shall be and remain confidential and all papers filed with the clerk of the circuit court shall be held by the clerk in a confidential file, except as is necessary to obtain compliance with any order entered in connection with the proceedings, unless and until:

- (1) The circuit court, after hearing argument in chambers, shall order otherwise;
- (2) The insurer requests that the matter be made public; or
- (3) The commissioner applies for an order under section ten or eleven of this article.

(b) The commissioner may share documents, materials or other information in his or her possession or control pertaining to an insurer that is the subject of a proceeding under this article with other state insurance departments, the national association of Insurance Commissioners, and federal banking agencies in accordance with section nineteen, article two of this chapter. No waiver of any applicable privilege or claim of confidentiality shall occur as a result of disclosure by the commissioner under this section or as a result of sharing documents, materials or other information pursuant to this subsection.