WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §48-27-311

§48-27-311. Service of process.

A protective order may be served:

(1) On the respondent by means of a Class I legal advertisement published notice, with the publication area being the most current known county in which the respondent resides, published in accordance with the provisions of section two, article three, chapter fifty-nine of this code if personal service by law enforcement has been unsuccessful. Simultaneously with the publication, the respondent shall be served with the protective order and the order of publication by first class mail to the respondent's most current known residential address.

(2) Against nonresident persons by the manner prescribed in section thirty-three-a, article three, chapter fifty-six of this code.

Any protective order issued by the court of this state which is served in compliance with the provisions of Rule 4(f) of the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure served outside the boundaries of this state shall carry the same force and effect as if it had been personally served within this state's boundaries.

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