

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §6B-2B-4

## **§6B-2B-4. Exceptions to use of name or likeness.**

(a) A public official may use his or her name or likeness on any official record or report, letterhead, document, or certificate or instructional material issued in the course of his or her duties as a public official: Provided, That other official documents used in the normal course of the agency, including, but not limited to, facsimile cover sheets, press release headers, office signage, and envelopes may include the public official's name: Provided, however, That when official documents are reproduced for distribution or dissemination to the public as educational material, the items are subject to the prohibitions in §6B-2B-2(d) of this code.

(b) When appropriate and reasonable, the West Virginia Division of Tourism may use a public official's name and likeness on material used for tourism promotion.

(c) The prohibitions contained in this article do not apply to any person who is employed as a member of the faculty, staff, administration, or president of a public institution of higher education and who is engaged in teaching, research, consulting, coaching, recruiting, or publication activities: Provided, That the activity is approved as a part of an employment contract with the governing board of the institution of higher education or has been approved by the employee's department supervisor or the president of the institution by which the faculty or staff member is employed.

(d) The prohibitions contained in §6B-2B-2 of this code do not apply to items paid for from the public official's campaign funds.

(e) The prohibitions contained in §6B-2B-2 of this code do not apply to items paid for with the public official's personal money.

(f) The prohibitions contained in §6B-2B-2 of this code do not apply to items or materials required by law to contain the public official's name or likeness.