



## **Fair Legal Landscape and Judiciary System**

- **West Virginia must continue to strive to have a fair, independent and timely judiciary system. To do this, we must:**
- **Evaluate current laws surrounding familial and custodial issues.**
- **Utilize transparency measures to ensure judicial oversight and accountability within the court system.**
- **Reform laws related to contributions to judicial races.**
- **Pass fair mediation legislation that stipulates mediation should be conducted by someone other than the presiding trial judge.**
- **Repeal the collateral source rule to address “double-dipping” by allowing juries to have information on damages that have already been paid by other sources.**
- **Enact phantom damages reform to prevent plaintiffs receiving a “wind fall” by being awarded damages for the full “sticker price” of medical services incurred, rather than the discounted rate that was actually paid by the health insurer.**
- **Lower our statutes of limitations for written and oral contracts to bring them more into line with other states.**