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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



JANE E. YOUNG DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 6, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and the Honorable Council State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

## **REQUESTED ACTION**

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to appoint David S. Rotman, position #9U631 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26100000-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$95,450.16 (LG FF, Step 6) effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or September 27, 2019, whichever is later. Mr. Rotman will be occupying a position with a term ending September 27, 2024.

## **EXPLANATION**

Mr. Rotman is a member of the New Hampshire Bar, Massachusetts Bar and Florida Bar. He received his law degree from the Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts in 1991. In 1992, Mr. Rotman joined the Dade County State Attorney's Office in Miami, Florida as a Felony Prosecutor and DWI/Misdemeanor Prosecutor. In 1995, he became an Associate Attorney at Hall, Hess, Kenison, Stewart, Murphy & Keefe, P.A., in Manchester New Hampshire, specializing in litigation. Mr. Rotman entered public service in 1996, in Concord New Hampshire, as a Merrimack County Assistant Attorney and Senior Assistant Attorney respectively with a focus on prosecuting sexual assaults, major felonies, juvenile crimes and misdemeanor level offenses. A copy of his resume is attached.

In light of Mr. Rotman's extensive experience, I will designate him as a Senior Assistant Attorney General a salary level of \$95,450.16. He will be assigned to the Criminal Bureau and will be responsible for establishing and implementing a statewide training program for prosecutors. The training topics will include, but not be limited to, prosecutorial ethics, charging decisions, plea negotiations and trial skills. He will be the first person to occupy the training position established by Chapter 127 Laws of 2018. Throughout his tenure at the Merrimack County Attorney's Office, he also trained law enforcement and other attorneys on best practices

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and methods within the respective fields. In 2019, he continued to train attorneys and law enforcement at the Strafford County Attorney's Office, in Dover New Hampshire, and also prosecuted felony and misdemeanor crimes.

RSA 94:1-a(I)(c)(3) provides that designation of positions, salary levels, and salary increases for attorneys at the Department of Justice shall be determined by the Attorney General, subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

I am very pleased to offer Mr. Rotman's appointment as an Assistant Attorney General at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon J. MacDonald Attorney General

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## DAVID ROTMAN

#### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

# STRAFFORD COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - January 2019 - Present

Dover, New Hampshire

Assistant County Attorney: Prosecute individuals charged with felony and misdemeanor offenses; conduct jury trials before the Strafford County Superior Court; prepare evidence, witnesses and victims for trial; research and argue motions on criminal law issues; advise police during criminal investigations; present cases to the Grand Jury; negotiate pleas with defense counsel; provide training to other prosecutors and police.

## **MERRIMACK COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - September 1996 to January 2019**

Concord, New Hampshire

Senior Assistant County Attorney: Prosecute individuals charged with Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault; First Degree Assault; Manslaughter and other major felony offenses; conducted jury trials before the Merrimack County Superior Court; prepared evidence, witnesses and victims for trial; researched and argued motions on criminal law issues; advised police during criminal investigations; presented cases to the Grand Jury; negotiated pleas with defense counsel; provided training to other prosecutors and police.

Assistant County Attorney: Prosecuted criminal defendants and juvenile offenders charged with felony and misdemeanor level offenses; conducted jury and bench trials before the Merrimack County Superior Court and numerous district courts; prepared evidence, witnesses and victims for trial; researched and argued motions on criminal law issues; advised police during criminal investigations; presented cases to the Grand Jury; negotiated pleas with defense counsel; provided training to other prosecutors and police.

# HALL, HESS, KENISON, STEWART, MURPHY & KEEFE, P.A.-April 1995 to August 1996 Manchester, New Hampshire

Associate with civil trial firm specializing in medical malpractice, product liability, personal injury and workers' compensation cases.

# **DADE COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - August 1992 to March 1995**

# Miami, Florida

Felony Prosecutor: Prosecuted criminal defendants charged with felony level offenses; conducted jury trials before the 11th Judicial Circuit Court; prepared evidence, witnesses and victims for trial; researched and argued motions on criminal law issues; negotiated pleas with defense counsel; engaged in criminal investigations.

DWI/Misdemeanor Prosecutor: Prosecuted criminal defendants charged with DWI and other miscellaneous misdemeanor offenses; conducted jury and bench trials; researched and argued motions on criminal law issues; negotiated pleas with defense counsel.

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#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPERIOR COURT - August 1991 to July 1992**

Manchester, New Hampshire

<u>Judicial Law Clerk</u>: Researched and drafted legal memoranda and judicial opinions on both civil and criminal matters for the 26 justices of the New Hampshire Superior Court.

#### MEEHAN, BOYLE AND COHEN, P.C. - February 1991 to May 1991

Boston, Massachusetts

Legal Intern: Researched and prepared legal memoranda for civil litigation law firm specializing in insurance defense, personal injury and product liability cases.

#### MIDDLESEX DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - June 1990 to August 1990

Cambridge, Massachusetts

<u>Student Prosecutor</u>: Conducted bench trials before the Somerville District Court; prepared evidence, victims, and witnesses for trial; negotiated pleas with defense counsel; researched and argued motions on criminal law issues.

# THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE D. SHUBOW - November 1989 to February 1990

Brookline, Massachusetts

Judicial Intern: Researched and prepared legal memoranda for use in the drafting of judicial opinions in civil and administrative actions.

# BECK & DE CORSO - June 1989 to August 1989 /May 1987 to August 1988

Los Angeles, California

Legal Intern: Researched and prepared legal memoranda on criminal and civil matters for law firm specializing in white collar criminal defense and civil litigation.

<u>Paralegal</u>: Conducted factual investigations, interviewed witnesses and debriefed clients; reviewed, indexed, and organized discovery materials; summarized depositions.

## EDUCATION

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Boston, Massachusetts J.D., May, 1991 Research Assistant to Professor John Flym

#### AMHERST COLLEGE

Amherst, Massachusetts B.A., Political Science, May 1986 Universidad de Madrid, Junior Semester Abroad, 1985

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New Hampshire - 1995; Massachusetts - 1993; Florida - 1992 David Rotman Resume P. 3

## AFFILIATIONS

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Commissioner - New Hampshire Victim's Assistance Commission Board Member - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Advisory Board Board Member – Granite State Children's Alliance Member – 2017 New Hampshire Adult Sexual Assault Protocol Committee

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#### AWARDS

2017 – Granite State Children's Alliance Merrimack County Everyday Hero 2011 - Dr. Roger M. Fossum Award

2011 - Merrimack County Attorney's Office Employee of the Year

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