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July 30, 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 Meghan C. Hagaman as an Attorney (Position #9U361, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2904-013-500132) at a salary level of \$64,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or August 16, 2019, whichever is the latter.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Hagaman is a resident of Portsmouth, NH and a member of New Hampshire Bar. She received her law degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in May 2013, and her undergraduate degree in Marketing and Political Science, *cum laude*, from Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana in May 2010. Ms. Hagaman served as an Assistant Rockingham County Attorney from September to November 2013, an Assistant Carroll County Attorney from August 2014 to May 2015, an Assistant Strafford County Attorney from June 2015 to July 2016, and since August 2016 has been an Assistant Merrimack County Attorney. In light of Ms. Hagaman's experience, I am requesting she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary level of \$64,000. She will be assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau. A copy of her resume is attached.

RSA 94:1-a(1)(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.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon P. MacDonald
Attorney General

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MEGHAN C. HAGAMAN



WORK EXPERIENCE

Merrimack County Attorney's Office, Concord, NH

Assistant County Attorney, August 2016 – Present

- Lead counsel or second chair for more than a dozen jury trials involving attempted murder, criminal threatening, domestic violence, assault, possession of a controlled drug, and other crimes
- Represent the State in Superior Court for pre-trial, evidentiary, and post-conviction proceedings
- Responsible for a robust caseload involving felony and misdemeanor crimes from initial investigations and charging decisions through plea negotiations and sentencing arguments

Strafford County Attorney's Office, Dover, NH

Assistant County Attorney, June 2015 – July 2016

- Performed approximately ten jury trials concerning possession with intent to sell, arson, second degree assault, aggravated felonious sexual assault, and other crimes
- Argued on behalf of the State in Superior Court, including bail, suppression, and sentencing hearings
- Managed a substantial caseload of felonies and misdemeanors in a fast-paced working environment

Carroll County Attorney's Office, Ossipee, NH

Assistant County Attorney, August 2014 – May 2015

- Handled responsibilities related to assigned felony and misdemeanor cases
- Represented the State in court hearings and jury trials in Superior Court
- Drafted charging documents, presented to grand juries, and conferred with police departments

Rockingham County Attorney's Office, Brentwood, NH

Assistant County Attorney (Supreme Court Rule 36), September – November 2013

- Second chair on a simple assault jury trial in Superior Court
- Assigned approximately twelve felony cases to review, evaluate, and manage
- Prepared charging documents, motions, objections, and legal research

Merrimack County Attorney's Office, Concord, NH

Student Attorney (Supreme Court Rule 36), August 2012 – April 2013

- Lead counsel or second chair on four jury trials in Superior Court
- Conducted or participated in about ten witness preparation meetings
- Researched, drafted, and filed legal motions and objections

University of New Hampshire School of Law Criminal Practice Clinic, Concord, NH

Student Attorney (Supreme Court Rule 36), May – July 2012

- Represented clients in pre-trial hearings, conducted client interviews, and drafted relevant pleadings

New Hampshire Public Defender, Concord, NH

Investigator and Legal Intern, June – August 2011

- Researched legal issues, drafted pleadings, participated in client interviews, and aided investigations

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH

Juris Doctor, May 2013

- Participated in the Texas Young Lawyer's Association National Trial Competition (2013)

Butler University, Indianapolis, IN

Bachelor of Science, Marketing (major) & Political Science (minor), May 2010

- Graduated Cum Laude; Dean's List; Awarded Butler's Top 100 (2008-2009)

BAR ADMISSION

New Hampshire Bar, admitted May 2014