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May 14, 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 Bryan J. Townsend, II (Position #9U047, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2611-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$73,819.20. Mr. Townsend will be occupying a position with a term ending December 11, 2022 effective upon Governor and Executive Council or June 7, 2019, whichever is the latter.

EXPLANATION


Mr. Townsend is a resident of Manchester, New Hampshire and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. He received his law degree from the University Of New Hampshire School Of Law in 2010 where he was a member of the Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program. He received his undergraduate degree, cum laude, from the University of New Hampshire in 2007. Before joining the Department of Justice, Mr. Townsend was an Associate Attorney with the law firm of Gottesman & Hollis in Nashua, New Hampshire. He joined the Office in 2016, and was designated an Assistant Attorney General on March 17, 2017. Mr. Townsend will be designated as the Elder Abuse Prosecutor in the Consumer Protection Bureau where his salary will remain the same. A copy of his 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 Mr. Townsend's appointment as an Assistant Attorney General and Elder Abuse Prosecutor 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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Bryan J. Townsend, II, Esq.

EXPERIENCE

2016- *Assistant Attorney General*

Present **New Hampshire Department of Justice – Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Concord, NH**
Represent the State in False Claim matters arising out of Medicaid Provider billing fraud. Prosecute matters of resident abuse in nursing facilities. Prosecute matters of financial exploitation of the elderly. Present matters to grand juries throughout the State. Represent the State in appeals to the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

2013- *Litigation Associate*

2016 **Gottesman & Hollis, P.A., Nashua, NH**

Represented plaintiffs in personal injury and contract matters in Superior Court. Managed civil cases in all phases of discovery and trial preparation. Drafted briefs and presented argument before the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Testified in support of proposed legislation before committees of the New Hampshire Senate and House of Representatives.

2012- *Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Carol Ann Conboy*

2013 **New Hampshire Supreme Court, Concord, NH**

Assisted in drafting published opinions in cases relating to the criminal “merger doctrine” and the Confrontation Clause. Performed extensive legal research on a variety of legal issues. Reviewed briefs, lengthy trial records, and transcripts. Observed oral arguments.

2010- *Judicial Law Clerk*

2012 **Merrimack County Superior Court, Concord, NH**

Drafted orders and conducted research in large, complex litigation, including *State v. Hess Corp.* Drafted orders in criminal cases, including orders on motions to vacate pleas and motions for new trials concerning the retroactive application of *Padilla v. Kentucky*. Observed hearings and trials.

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH

Juris Doctor, 2010, *magna cum laude*, Top 5%

Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program

Douglas J. Wood Merit Scholarship Recipient

Moot Court, President (2009-2010), Competitor (2008-2009)

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

B.A., *cum laude*, Philosophy/Justice Studies, 2007

BAR ADMISSIONS/AWARDS

Admitted to the Bar in New Hampshire (Federal and State)

2016 New Hampshire Pro Bono Rising Star Award Recipient

PUBLICATIONS

“Text Senders Liable in N.J.: A Reasonable Decision” – N.H. Bar News, April 2014

“Traps Hidden in Federal Student Loan Forgiveness Programs” – N.H. Bar News, November 2014