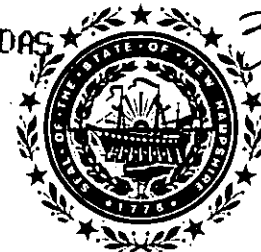


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GEORGE N. COPADIS, COMMISSIONER
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December 19, 2018

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 94:6, the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security respectfully requests approval for Megan Anne Yaple, Counsel, (Position # 9U081) to be placed at a compensation level higher than the minimum established in RSA 94:1-a. This request is to place Attorney Yaple's annual salary in Group FF, Step 2, \$76,606.40 (range \$71,896.24 - \$100,159.28), appropriation #010-027-8040-012, (100% Federal Funds), effective upon Governor and Council approval or February 1, 2019, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

After careful consideration, I would like to appoint Megan Anne Yaple to the position of Counsel beginning February 1, 2019. This is a previously established unclassified position within the Department that needs to be filled in accordance with 282-A:136. The position has been vacant since December 21, 2017. This position is vital to the operation and productivity of the Legal Department, but also in an advisory capacity to me as the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security.

Attorney Yaple began practicing law in 2009 following graduation from the University of New Hampshire School of Law. She spent five (5) years as a judicial law clerk with the New Hampshire Superior Court assisting judges, researching issues and writing memoranda. Following her time with the Superior court she has spent the last four (4) years as an attorney with the New Hampshire Department of Justice advising the Department of Health and Human Services. Attorney Yaple's work representing DHHS on a diverse range of issues uniquely positions her to excel here at NHES.

Attorney Yaple is a talented attorney committed to public service. Her experience and skill with regard to administrative law, state government and state procurement will allow her to hit the ground running here at NHES and complement a strong legal section.

Attached is a copy of her resume for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

George N. Copadis
Commissioner

GNC/jdr

MEGAN ANNE YAPLE



EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH

J.D., *magna cum laude*, May 2009

GPA 3.59/4.0 scale (Top 10%)

Douglas J. Wood Chairman's Scholar

Public Interest Fellow, Summer 2007

Chief Notes Editor, *Pierce Law Review*

Teaching Assistant, Civil Procedure – Fall 2007, Fall 2008

Auction Co-Chair, Public Interest Coalition

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

B.A., Political Science with a Minor in Spanish, May 2003

EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, Concord, NH

June 2014 – Present

Department of Health and Human Services Attorney

Advise State Agency clients on business transactions, claim liability, advisability of prosecuting or defending lawsuits, and legal rights and obligations. Represent State Agency clients in court or before administrative agencies. Prepare legal briefs and opinions, and file pleadings in state and federal courts. Interpret laws, rulings, and regulations for both individuals and State Agencies. Confer with colleagues with specialties in appropriate areas of various legal issues to establish and verify bases for legal proceedings.

New Hampshire Superior Court, Brentwood, NH

August 2009 – June 2014

Judicial Law Clerk

Researched and drafted orders for the judges of New Hampshire's general jurisdiction trial court in civil, criminal, equity, and juvenile matters. Most frequently assigned to prepare decisions on motions to suppress, to dismiss, or for summary judgment, in addition to drafting final orders after civil bench trials and merits hearings. Provided assistance to judges in court and in chambers conferences after reviewing briefs and transcripts, checking authorities and citations, and drafting memoranda on specific points of law as needed.

Hillsborough County Attorney's Office, Manchester, NH

May 2008 – May 2009

Law Clerk

Conducted legal research on criminal issues. Drafted motions and responses on constitutional issues, evidentiary issues, and habeas corpus petitions. Researched recently passed legislation regarding the civil commitment of Sexually Violent Predators.

Franklin Pierce Law Center Administrative Advocacy Clinic, Concord, NH

Summer 2008

Student Attorney

Interviewed and worked with clients regarding state unemployment compensation appeals. Researched various administrative agencies' appellate procedures. Performed fact-based investigations into clients' issues of law.

New Hampshire Supreme Court, Concord, NH

Spring 2008

Judicial Intern, Justice James E. Duggan

Conducted legal research. Prepared bench memoranda, draft orders, and opinions. Proofread the judge's orders and opinions.

New Hampshire Legal Assistance, Manchester, NH

Summer 2007

Legal Intern

Interviewed clients and reviewed state law claims. Conducted case law, statutory, and factual research on housing, consumer, and bankruptcy issues. Analyzed documents and conducted discovery. Assisted housing committee in selecting cases.

Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

2005 – 2006

Staff/Research/Conference Assistant

Analyzed data of low-income poverty groups for research papers and books. Collaborated with Senior Fellows on domestic economic policy issues. Developed a low-income family transportation policy proposal with the intent to influence policy makers.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts, 2009

New Hampshire, 2009

United States District Court, District of New Hampshire, 2009