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April 21, 2020

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 Joshua L. Speicher, Position #9U647 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$75,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or May 8, 2020, whichever is later.

**EXPLANATION**

Mr. Speicher earned his Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College in 2009, and Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law in 2013. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar later that year. Following law school graduation, he interned for the Honorable Ralph Gants at the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Mr. Speicher tried over 30 jury trials to verdict while serving as an Assistant District Attorney in Essex County, Massachusetts, from 2014 to 2017. Between 2017 and 2019, he was Assistant Corporation Counsel at the City of Boston Law Department litigating cases in state and federal courts; his municipal clients included the Boston Police and Fire Departments, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and Boston School Department. He spent the past year as a litigation associate at Lawson and Weitzen, LLP, in Boston, where his practice concentrated on environmental law. The New Hampshire Board of Bar Examiners are expected to act on his motion for admission without examination, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 42, XI, on or about May 5, 2020. In light of Mr. Speicher's experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$75,000. He will be assigned to the Criminal Bureau as a trial attorney. 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,

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subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon J. MacDonald', written over a printed name.

Gordon J. MacDonald  
Attorney General

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# Joshua L. Speicher

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**Lawson & Weitzen, LLP**  
Boston, Massachusetts

April 2019 – present

*Associate:* Responsible for representation of clients in administrative, permitting, and transactional matters, as well as litigation in state and federal courts. Representation spans multiple practice areas, with a focus on environmental law.

- Litigate dispositive motions and other matters in state Superior Court and U.S. District Court.
- Conducted a week-long trial in Washington, D.C. Superior Court and obtained plaintiff's verdict on consumer protection and contract claims.

**City of Boston Law Department**  
Boston, Massachusetts

March 2017 – April 2019

*Assistant Corporation Counsel:* Responsible for comprehensive representation and support of City of Boston departments, including litigating in state and federal courts and advising on a wide range of legal issues.

- Served as in-house counsel for various departments, including the Boston Police and Fire Departments, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and the Boston School Department.
- Handled diverse tasks including internal investigations, negotiating and drafting agreements with vendors and strategic partners, and all aspects of litigation.

**Essex County District Attorney's Office**  
Lawrence, Massachusetts

January 2014 – March 2017

*Assistant District Attorney:* Represented the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in District and Superior Court at all stages of criminal proceedings.

- Responsible for managing a large caseload and handling bail hearings, discovery requests and production, pre-trial motions, plea negotiations, and working with law enforcement to conduct investigations.
- Tried over 30 jury trials to verdict, for offenses including distribution of narcotics, indecent assault and battery, firearms offenses, and operating under the influence and other motor vehicle offenses.
- Handled diverse types of evidence before and during trial, including narcotics, firearms and ammunition, medical records, phone records, business records, photographs, video and audio recordings, and law enforcement, civilian, and expert scientific testimony on both direct and cross-examination.
- Solely responsible for handling all cases of insurance fraud in the jurisdiction of the Lawrence District Court; worked with investigators at the Insurance Fraud Bureau and local law enforcement to investigate instances of potential fraud, gather and review necessary evidence, make charging decisions, and prosecute offenders.
- Presented cases to the Grand Jury for indictment through witness testimony and documentary evidence.

**The Honorable Ralph Gants, Supreme Judicial Court**  
Boston, Massachusetts

October 2013 – January 2014

*Judicial Intern:* Prepared a draft opinion, performed legal research, and prepared legal memoranda pertaining to applications for review, oral arguments, and other projects.

## EDUCATION

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**Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts**  
Juris Doctor, May 2013

**Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire**  
Bachelor of Arts, History modified with Economics, June 2009

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Bikes Not Bombs**

August 2019 – present

Member of the Board of Directors of a non-profit dedicated to empowering youth, women, and minorities using the bicycle as a vehicle for social change.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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Massachusetts (November 2013)

U.S. District Court, District of MA (September 2018)