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September 7, 2021

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 Lawrence Gagnon to Position #9U359 (Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2620-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$72,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or October 8, 2021, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

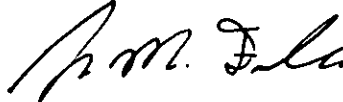
Mr. Gagnon is a resident of Methuen, Massachusetts. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Rhode Island in 2008 and a Master of Science in Accounting from the University of Connecticut in 2010. Before attending law school, he was a Senior Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, from 2009 to 2013 and a Senior Tax Analyst at American Tower Corporation from 2013 to 2015. He earned a Juris Doctor/LL.M in Taxation (concentrations in Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution) from the University of Miami School of Law in 2018. While in law school, he served as a legal intern at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office in both the Economic Crimes and Misdemeanors/Traffic Divisions. He is admitted to practice law in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Mr. Gagnon practiced with Zwicker and Associates, P.C., from 2019 to 2021; in April 2021, he was named Managing Attorney of its Andover, Massachusetts office. In light of Mr. Gagnon's experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$72,000. He will be assigned to the Civil Law Bureau's Litigation Unit. A copy of his resume is attached.

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.

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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Gagnon'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 "J.M. Formella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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LAWRENCE GAGNON, ESQ., CPA, LLM

EXPERIENCE:

Zwicker & Associates, P.C., Andover, MA

Managing Attorney, April 2021 – Present

Manage Litigation office for MA & NH including Attorneys (4) and Staff (11); officewide caseload, trial calendar, and client interfacing to maintain expectations. Monthly internal reporting. Trials & Other contested Litigation.

Senior Attorney, January 2021 – April 2021

Maintain Duties of Associate, training/oversight of Associate Attorneys, manage entire NH caseload & litigation for high balance/contested MA litigation, Trial preparation

Associate Attorney – Litigation, January 2019 – January 2021

Civil Litigation in NH & MA, Motions Practice (i.e., MJOP, MSJ, Discovery, Counterclaims, 3rd Party, Trustee), Subpoenas, Depositions (2). Attended court 3-5 days/week. Arbitrations (2), Trial & Witness Management, Negotiations.

Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, Miami, FL

County Court – Misdemeanors/Traffic Division -Certified Legal Intern, Summer 2017

Managed caseload (A-B) – pleas, investigation, deposition, trial (Bench – 1). Argued Motions to Suppress, Motions in Limine, Richardson and Williams. Animal & Waterway crimes. Daily calendar call for soundings, arraignment and trial.

Economic Crimes Division - Full-Time Legal Intern, Summer 2016

Prepared case files to assist with transition and advisement between ASAs. Legal research on various criminal and procedural issues in support of 8 separate attorneys. Analyzed investigatory materials for purposes of trial strategy/theory and creation of trial exhibits.

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission – Division of Enforcement, Miami, FL

Student Honors Legal Intern, Spring 2017

Performed legal research for ongoing litigation cases. Drafted motions, responses and legal memoranda. Analyzed Trial Opening Statement for feedback. Reviewed testimony audio for cross-exam purposes. EB-5 Visa investigations.

American Tower Corporation, Boston, MA

Senior Tax Analyst, 2013 – 2015

Prepared Quarterly Annual Provision for financial reporting and updated 10-year forecast. Handled QRS and TRS tax return/pro-forma for tax filings and quarterly estimates. Coordinated tax planning and integration for large 65+ REIT entity acquisition.

PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, Boston, MA

Senior Associate, 2009 – 2013

Supervised, trained and managed staff members for tax compliance and consulting. Private equity compliance and consulting for local, state, federal and international filing requirements. Managed filings in all 50 states, including federal, foreign and pass-through of information for international requirements of partnerships, LLC's, corporations and trusts. Prepared work papers and tax forms for fiscal and annual filing requirements and handled corporate compliance, audit-support and ASC740/FAS109 calculation and consulting.

LICENSES:

Massachusetts State Bar, Licensed (Bar#703429) November 2018

New Hampshire State Bar, (Bar#271769) June 2019

Certified Public Accountant, November 2010

EDUCATION:

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL

Juris Doctor/LL.M. in Taxation, Concentrations in Litigation & ADR; International Taxation, May 2018

Honors: Dean's Merit Scholar, 2015 – 2017; Martin Nash Scholar (Tax), 2017

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Master of Science in Accounting, August 2010

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Accounting, December 2008