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January 11, 2022

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 Sam Gonyea to Position #9U307 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26100000-013-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$71,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or January 28, 2022, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Gonyea, a Milford resident, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Fitchburg State University in 2014, where he competed on the Moot Court Team (2013) and Mock Trial Team (2014) and served as Moot Court Adjunct Professor (2020-2021). He earned a joint Juris Doctor and Master in Public Administration degree from Suffolk University's Law School and Sawyer Business School in 2019. While in law school, he was a Dean's List Scholar (2015-2019), Academic Leadership Scholarship recipient (2016-2019), Thomas J. Drinan Memorial Fellowship Recipient (2017), and Braxton Craven, Jr., Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition Finalist. He won Jurisprudence Awards for the scoring the highest grade in eight separate classes and was a member of both Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honors Society and Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society for Public Administration. From 2019 to 2021, Mr. Gonyea served as Judicial Law Clerk to the Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. He was an Associate at Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella, PLLC, in Exeter, from August 2021 to January 2022. He is admitted to practice in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. In light of Mr. Gonyea's experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$71,000. He will be assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau's Appeals Unit. A copy of his resume is attached.

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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.

I am very pleased to offer Mr. Gonyea'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 "John M. Formella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

John M. Formella
Attorney General

#3418286

Sam Gonyea

EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA

Suffolk University Sawyer Business School, Boston, MA

Juris Doctor / Master in Public Administration, May 2019

GPA: Juris Doctor: 3.92/4.00 | Class Rank: 2/244; Master of Public Administration: 4.00/4.00

Honors: Deans List 2015-2019; Academic Leadership Scholarship 2016-2019; Jurisprudence Awards Fall 2015: Criminal Law, Contracts, Civil Procedure; Jurisprudence Awards Spring 2016: Contracts, Constitutional Law, Best Oral Advocate: LPS; Jurisprudence Award Fall 2016: Federal Income Tax, Evidence; Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honors Society; Thomas J. Drinan Memorial Fellowship Recipient 2017; Jurisprudence Award: Corporations, Spring 2017; Dean's List 2015-2019; Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society for Public Administration.

Activities: Constitutional Law Moot Court Team – Braxton Craven, Jr. Competition Finalist

Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA

Bachelor of Science Political Science, December 2014

GPA: 3.97/4.0

Activities: Moot Court Team, 2013, 2014; Mock Trial Team, 2014

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Admissions to State Bar: Massachusetts (2019), New Hampshire (2020); New Hampshire District Court (2021).

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, Exeter, NH

August 2021 – January 2022

Associate Attorney

- Draft and file pleadings and letters on behalf of clients and partners; Interact with clients and provide legal advice.

New Hampshire Supreme Court, Concord, NH

August 2019 – August 2021

Judicial Law Clerk to Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald

- Research legal questions and evaluate legal arguments to advise the Justices of the Court on complex issues.
- Draft legal memoranda and assist Justices in drafting judicial opinions and orders.

Suffolk University Defender's Clinic, Boston, MA

August 2018 – May 2019

SJC Rule 3:03 Student Attorney

- Managed caseload of clients charged with crimes in the Central Division of the Boston Municipal Court.
- Represented clients in bail arguments, probation surrender hearings, plea negotiations, and sentencing hearings.
- Drafted motions for discovery and diversion; drafted letters to ADA's; drafted other documents on behalf of clients.

Suffolk County District Attorney's Office – Appeals Division, Boston, MA

June 2017 – August 2017

Intern

- Wrote two appellate briefs on behalf of Commonwealth; argued case before the Massachusetts Appeals Court.
- Researched and wrote memoranda on the First Amendment and standing relative to a § 1983 claim.

Roach, Ioannidis & Megaloudis, LLC., Boston, MA

September 2016 – December 2016

Law Clerk

- Researched and wrote memoranda on civil litigation issues including, civil rights, employment, and personal injury.

EXPERIENCE

Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA

August 2020 – May 2021

Moot Court Adjunct Professor

- Assist teaching Constitutional law with the objective of preparing students to compete in a moot court competition.

ELECTED POSITION

Clinton Housing Authority Board of Directors, Clinton, MA

June 2013 – June 2014

Elected Member

- Attended meetings to discuss and address public housing issues and vote on budgetary and policy decisions.