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August 24, 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 Thomas J. Chesnard as an Attorney to Position #9U615 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2904-013-500132) at a salary level of \$75,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or September 9, 2022, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Chesnard, a Hooksett resident, is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from the University of Georgia in 2009, he served as a Police Officer for the City of Atlanta, Georgia until 2014. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Hampshire School of Law in 2017, where he graduated as a Daniel Webster Scholar. While in law school he held internships with the Concord City Solicitor's Office, a private Manchester law firm, the New Hampshire Supreme Court Attorney Discipline Office, and the Merrimack County Attorney's Office. He prosecuted criminal cases as an Assistant County Attorney in Merrimack County between 2017 and 2019, and in Rockingham County since 2019. In light of Mr. Chesnard's experience, I am requesting that he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$75,000. He will be assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau's Drug Prosecution Unit. 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. Chesnard'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 a large initial "J" and "M".

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Thomas J. Chesnard

Bar Admission

Member New Hampshire Bar, May, 2017

Education

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH

J.D. May, 2017

- Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program, Class of 2017

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

B.A. Philosophy, May, 2009

Work and Internship Experience

Rockingham County Attorney's Office, Brentwood, NH

Assistant County Attorney, April 1, 2019 – Present

- Responsible for prosecuting cases involving felony level offenses in the Rockingham County Superior Court

Merrimack County Attorney's Office, Concord, NH

Assistant County Attorney, June 12, 2017 – March 8, 2019

- Prosecuted misdemeanor and violation level offenses in Circuit Court for seven police departments in Merrimack County

Merrimack County Attorney's Office, Concord, NH

Legal Intern, January 17, 2017 – June 11, 2017

- Represented the State of New Hampshire in criminal prosecutions under Rule 36 of the New Hampshire Supreme Court Rules

New Hampshire Supreme Court Attorney Discipline Office

Legal Intern, May 16, 2016 – August 12, 2016

Raimo & Gallagher Law Firm, Manchester, NH

Legal Intern, Fall Semester of 2015 and Spring Semester of 2016

City Solicitor's Office, Concord, NH

Legal Intern, May 18, 2015 – August 6, 2015

City of Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta, GA

Police Officer (Full-time), April 26, 2010 – June 23, 2014

- Assigned to the Field Operations Division
- Responded to 911 calls, patrolled assigned areas, conducted criminal investigations, and testified in court

Police Recruit, October 15, 2009 – April 26, 2010

- Successfully completed approximately 24 weeks of comprehensive training at the Atlanta Police Academy including physical training, defensive training, firearms training, and classroom instruction