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September 3, 2019

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 Douglas M. Allen, Position #9U607 (Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-26200000-013-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$63,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or September 27, 2019, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Allen received his law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law in May 2015, where he was recognized with honors as the best oral advocate in the Appellate Advocacy Program. Between 2012 and 2014, Mr. Allen served in a number of legal externships, including at the New York State Office of the Attorney General, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey. From August 2015 to August 2016, Mr. Allen served as a Law Clerk at the Tax Court of New Jersey, in Trenton, New Jersey. From October 2016 through June 2017, Mr. Allen was an Associate at Skoloff & Wolfe, P.C. in Livingston, New Jersey. At present, Mr. Allen is an Associate at the Law Offices of Jan Meyer & Associates, P.C. in Teaneck, New Jersey. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the School of Literature, Science, and Arts at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in August 1990. Following graduation and prior to entering law school, Mr. Allen had a career in project management and financial services. Mr. Allen is relocating to Portsmouth, New Hampshire and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. In light of Mr. Allen's experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$63,000. He will be assigned to the Civil Bureau as a litigator. A copy of his resume his 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. Allen'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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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DOUGLAS M. ALLEN, ESQ.

EXPERIENCE

- THE LAW OFFICES OF JAN MEYER & ASSOCIATES, P.C.** (Teaneck, NJ) – Associate 09/2018 – Present
- Plaintiff's attorney in civil litigation, drafting complaints for state court filings and arbitration petitions
 - Engaging in motion practice, drafting legal briefs, conducting legal research and drafting legal memoranda
 - Arguing motions, cross examining witnesses, and attending arbitration hearings
 - Negotiating settlements with insurance adjusters, adverse counsel, and in court settlement conferences
- SKOLOFF & WOLFE, P.C.** (Livingston, NJ) – Associate 10/2016 – 06/2017
- Represented *pro bono* client in a parental rights termination hearing in the Essex County Family Court
 - Researched and drafted legal memoranda regarding real property valuations, taxation, and family law issues
 - Drafted a summary judgment brief on the constitutionality of a "spot" property assessment
- THE HONORABLE PATRICK DEALMEIDA, P.J., TAX COURT OF NJ** (Trenton, NJ) – Law Clerk 08/2015 – 08/2016
- Reviewed expert testimony and drafted an opinion regarding commercial property valuation
 - Researched and drafted memoranda on corporate business taxes, estate taxes, income taxes, and property tax appeals
 - Managed court's docket, drafted orders, scheduled motions, and granted adjournments
 - Observed tax certiorari proceedings, reviewing the strengths and weaknesses of the parties' arguments
- U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY** (Newark, NJ) – Legal Intern 09/2014 – 11/2014
- Analyzed and drafted a legal memorandum for a prisoner's claim of ineffectual assistance of counsel
 - Wrote memorandum on whether the government can grant non-party's request to remove name from court filings
- PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY** (New York, NY) – Legal Extern 06/2014 – 08/2014
- Drafted legal memorandum on the eminent domain power of New York State over J.F.K. International Airport
 - Research and drafted legal memo regarding the division of power between two states in a bi-state agency
- FINRA – FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY** (New York, NY) – Legal Extern 09/2013 – 11/2013
- Researched and wrote legal memorandum regarding the scope of regulatory authority in the foreign exchange market
 - Observed St. John's University School of Law mock securities mediation exercises
- THE HONORABLE CLAIRE C. CECCHI, U.S.D.J.** (Newark, NJ) – Judicial Extern 02/2013 – 08/2013
- Drafted opinions, observed sentencing hearings and attended discussion with inmates at Northern State Prison
- NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL** (New York, NY) – Legal Extern 06/2012 – 08/2012
- Researched and drafted legal memoranda regarding issues under the Bankruptcy Code and the Supremacy Clause
- METLIFE | MERRILL LYNCH | EDWARD JONES** (Newark, NJ/New York, NY) – Financial Advisor 03/2006 – 10/2010
- Pitched custom designed investment portfolios to potential clients, most successful resulting in \$5M of new business
- SELF EMPLOYED** (New York/Chicago/Austin) – Project Management 09/1990 – 10/2005
Clients: MTV Networks, Sesame Workshop/Cartoon Pizza Productions, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, FAO Schwarz

PUBLICATIONS

"When a Stranger Calls: Municipal and Third-Party Property Tax Appeals," *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine* 04/2017

EDUCATION

- SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW** (Newark, NJ) – Juris Doctor 05/2015
Journal: *Seton Hall Legislative Journal*, Member
Honors: Appellate Advocacy Program, Best Oral Advocate
- UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN** (Ann Arbor, MI) – Bachelor of Arts, School of Literature, Science and Art 08/1990

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

New Jersey State Bar (2015); D.C. Bar (2018); New Hampshire State Bar (2018); New York State Bar (2019)