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October 2, 2018

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 C. Harrison (Position #9U220, Appropriation #02-20-200510-2613-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$63,900, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or October 26, 2018, whichever is the latter. Mr. Harrison will be occupying a position with a term that ends on October 18, 2020.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Harrison is a resident of Concord, New Hampshire. He received his law degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in May of 2017 and his undergraduate degree from Susquehanna University in 2014. He joined the Department of Justice in October 2017 in the Environmental Protection Bureau. In view of Mr. Harrison's experience, I am requesting his current salary be increased by \$3,000 from \$60,900 to \$63,900. This pay raise will become effective on October 26, 2018. A copy of his resume is attached. I plan to continue his assignment in the Environmental Protection Bureau.

2001 Laws of NH Chapter 258, amended RSA 94:1-a(I)(c)(3) to provide 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. Harrison's appointment as an Assistant Attorney General at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordop J. MacDonald Attorney General

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JOSHUA C. HARRISON

SUMMARY

Attorney with one year of experience in the Environmental Protection Bureau of the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General. I provide client counseling and advocacy to the state's environmental agencies, navigate the state through CERCLA litigation and its interactions with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on multiple Superfund sites throughout the state, and provide legal support for the New Hampshire Brownfields Program. I have successfully argued before the Superior Court, the New Hampshire Supreme Court, and defended the Department of Environmental Services before administrative councils.

EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General **Environmental Protection Bureau** Attorney

- Provide counsel to the Department of Environmental Services on CERCLA (Superfund) litigation and the Brownfields Program.
- Represent the environmental agencies in Superior Court and during appeals of agency decisions to administrative councils.
- Presently defending agencies against alleged violations of a public employee's right to freedom of speech.
- Successfully argued and defeated a defendant's appeal of a conviction for aggravated felonious sexual assault before the N.H. Supreme Court.
- Provided legal support for New Hampshire to become reauthorized as a federally delegated state so that it may administer portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

United States District Court, District of N.H. Legal Resident for Chief Judge Laplante

- Researched and wrote draft order on a motion to dismiss in an employment case.
- Wrote several memoranda, observed litigators, and discussed trial issues in chambers.

Hage Hodes, P.A. Legal Resident

• Drafted complaints, objections, and motions for default judgment and a brief to the N.H. Supreme Court.

New Hampshire Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General Legal Intern, Civil Bureau

• Provided legal research, wrote memorandum of law to the N.H. Supreme Court on an involuntary commitment appeal, and prepared a brief to the N.H. Supreme Court regarding a motion to sever charges for trial.

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Juris Doctor	May 2017
Susquehanna University, B.A. History and Political Science	May 2014

October 2017 - Present

January - May 2017

August - December 2016

May - August 2016