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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 designate Lisa Wolford, (Position #9U540, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$67,906.80. Ms. Wolford is occupying a position for a five-year term, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through August 13, 2023.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Wolford is a resident of Portsmouth and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She graduated from Cornell Law School in 2002 and received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College in 1986 *cum laude*. Ms. Wolford was appointed as an Attorney with the Department of Justice in June 2012 and appointed to Assistant Attorney General in August 2013. In September, 2017, she was named Senior Assistant Attorney General and Bureau Chief of the Criminal Justice Bureau. She has recently returned to the Appellate Unit to focus on criminal appeals. From 2002 to 2012, she was a New Hampshire Public Defender at both the trial and appellate levels and was a member of the Appellate Defender Office for three years. A copy of her resume is attached.

2001 Laws of NH Chapter 158 amended RSA 94:1-a(1)(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 Ms. Wolford's designation as an Assistant Attorney General at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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LISA L. WOLFORD

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY

J.D., May 2002

Honors: CALI award for highest grade in Women in the Law

Activities: Note Editor, Journal of Law & Public Policy

Capital Punishment Clinic

Research Assistant to Professor John Blume, Cornell Death Penalty Project

Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

B.A., Political Science, 1986

Honors: Cum laude

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Justice, Criminal Bureau, Concord, NH; July 2012 – present
Attorney. Analyze merits of appellants' briefs in criminal appeals to the New Hampshire Supreme Court; prepare briefs in response; defend the State's position at oral argument before the supreme court. Assess and advise on the merits of participation in amicus briefs to the United States Supreme Court. Research and write memoranda of law on legal issues of significance to criminal bureau.

New Hampshire Public Defender, Stratham, NH; Aug 2002 – Sept 2007; Feb 2012 – May 2012
Staff Attorney. Represent indigent defendants charged with delinquencies, misdemeanors, and serious felonies including homicides. Casework includes intensive motions practice; development of trial strategy; investigation strategy; plea negotiations; retaining of experts; depositions; bench and jury trial practice; extensive interface with mental health and social service agencies. Develop and present legal trainings.

New Hampshire Public Defender, Appellate Defender Program, Concord, NH; Sept 2009 – Feb 2012
Assistant Appellate Defender. Researched and wrote more than 35 briefs and presented oral argument in over 20 cases to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Contributed to the petitioner's brief to the United States Supreme Court in Perry v. New Hampshire, 132 S. Ct. 716 (2012); to the defendant's brief in the capital sentencing appeal in State v. Addison, 160 N.H. 732 (2010); and to the Appellate Defender brief in Opinion of the Justices, 160 N.H. 180 (2010).

New Hampshire Public Defender, Special Defender Office, Manchester, NH; Oct 2007 – Aug 2009
Staff Attorney. One of three Public Defender attorneys chosen to represent indigent respondents facing civil commitment under sexually violent predator law enacted in 2007. Work involved extensive research and writing concerning constitutional and statutory challenges to untested statute. Successfully briefed and argued State v. Fournier, 158 N.H. 441 (2009), resulting in reversal of pivotal trial court decision. Conducted multi-day Daubert hearing challenging, for the first time in New Hampshire, the methodology of statistically-based risk prediction. Extensive work with experts; extensive deposition experience.

LEGAL INTERNSHIPS

Defender Association of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; May – Aug 2001.

Law Intern. Conducted client interviews; assisted attorneys with trial preparation; researched and wrote memoranda of law. Represented clients in hearings.

Appalachian Research & Defense Fund, Barbourville, KY; June – Aug 2000.

Law Intern. Worked for Southeastern Kentucky indigent legal services organization with focus on consumer and family law.

ER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lisa Wolford (sole proprietor), New York, NY; February 1996 – July 1999

Agent. Started full-service photography agency to formulate creative and commercial strategy for principal fashion photographer. Negotiated contracts and fees with international client base. Created budgets; directed casting, location scouting, and overall project concept development. Supervised the accounting of over one million dollars in yearly billings.

Leslie Simitch PhotoProduction, New York, NY; March 1992 – January 1996

Producer. Produced print advertising projects photographed by fashion and portrait photographers including Annie Leibovitz and Richard Avedon; global retailers including The Gap and Neiman Marcus; and national publications such as Vanity Fair and Rolling Stone.

Freelance consultant, New York, NY; February 1990 – 1992

Consultant. Coordinated marketing and advertising efforts for wholesale and retail fashion concerns.

Andy Warhol's Interview, New York, NY; October 1987 – February 1990

Associate Editor. Produced, styled, researched, conducted interviews for, wrote, and edited articles.

Bozell Jacobs Kenyon & Eckhardt, New York, NY; October 1986 – September 1987

Assistant Media Planner. Evaluated national print media for Merrill Lynch and Nabisco accounts.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

- Committee member, New Hampshire Bar Foundation Civics In Action Program, July - September 2011
- Inaugural class member, NHBA Leadership Academy, October 2010 - June 2011
- Planning group member, NHPD trial skills in-house training development, February - May 2010
- N.H. Supreme Court At-a-Glance, New Hampshire Bar News, July - August 2010.
- Exemplary Public Interest Rising Star Award, Cornell Law School, February 2008.
- Board member, New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Nov 2005 - Nov 2007

PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, N.H. Police Standards & Training, September 2012
- Presenter, NHPD New Lawyer Training, March 2012; March 2011; Aug 2010; Aug 2006; Aug 2005
- Presenter, NHACDL CLE: Litigation Tips From Recent Supreme Court Decisions, December 2011
- Presenter, NHPD CLE: "Recurring Themes in AFSA Cases – Transcript-Based Training," May 2011
- Panel presenter, NHPD CLE: Annual Appellate Defender Update, May 2011; Sept 2010; May 2010
- Co-chairperson, NHPD CLE: "Developments In Sex Offender Law and Issues," February 2009
- Presenter, NHPD CLE: "Mental Illness, Competency, & Litigating Dangerousness," May 2008
- Presenter, NHPD CLE: "Overview of Sentence Review," May 2007
- Chairperson, NHACDL CLE: "Defending Cybercrimes and Child Pornography Cases," May 2007

CIVIC & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

- Planning Board member (three-year elected position), Town of Deerfield, March 2011-present
- National Alliance on Mental Illness NAMIWalk fundraiser, October 2011, October 2010
- Lecturer, Merrimack Valley Middle School Eighth Grade Class, March 2011
- Law Day: A Lawyer And Judge in Every School – Pine Haven Boys Center, May 2010
- Town of Deerfield Conservation Commission volunteer, June 2008 - August 2009