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May 23, 2018

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu And the Honorable Council State House Concord, NH 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to reappoint Susan P. McGinnis (position #9U307, appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$82,055.63. Ms. McGinnis will be occupying a position for a five-year term, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, through May 21, 2023.

EXPLANATION

Ms. McGinnis is a resident of Webster and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She received her law degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 1998 and previously worked as a staff attorney for the New Hampshire Public Defender. Ms. McGinnis joined the office in 2001 and was appointed an Assistant Attorney General in May 2003, and was designated as a Senior Assistant Attorney General in December 2007. This reappointment would give Ms. McGinnis another five year term. Her salary as a Senior Assistant Attorney General is currently \$82,055.63 and will remain the same. A copy of her resume is attached.

2001 Laws of NH Chapter 158 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 Ms. McGinnis' reappointment 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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SUSAN P. McGINNIS

EDUCATION

Franklin Pierce Law Center (now University of New Hampshire School of Law), Concord, NH Juris Doctor, May 1998, number one in class, 3.98 GPA *Member*, ATLA National Student Trial Competition Team

College for Lifelong Learning (now Granite State College), University System of NH, Berlin, NH BPS, summa cum laude, Management & Human Resources, 1995 Dean's List; Member, Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society

ADMISSIONS

New Hampshire Bar Association	October 28, 1998
United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire	October 28, 1998
United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit	October 20, 2003
Supreme Court of the United States	September 2, 2011

EXPERIENCE

12/2001 present	New Hampshire Department of Justice, Concord, NH, Senior Assistant Attorney General Represent the State in all phases of direct and collateral criminal appeals and habeas corpus proceedings in the New Hampshire Supreme Court, the Federal District Court for the District of New Hampshire, the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Provide advice, guidance, research assistance, and training to police officers and prosecutors. Prosecute felony and misdemeanor cases in New Hampshire courts.
08/1998 12/2001	New Hampshire Public Defender, Manchester and Concord, NH, Staff Attorney Represented clients in all phases of felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile litigation in the superior and district courts in New Hampshire and before the New Hampshire Parole Board. Special interest in search and seizure/suppression issues.
01/1998 05/1998	Appellate Defender Clinic, Concord, NH, Student Attorney Researched and drafted appellate briefs for presentation to the New Hampshire Supreme Court.
08/1997 01/1998	Criminal Practice Clinic, Concord, NH, Student Attorney/Rule 36 Represented clients at all phases of criminal trials and hearings in district courts in New Hampshire and at hearings before the New Hampshire Parole Board.
05/1997 08/1997	Devine, Millimet & Branch, P.A., Manchester, NH, Summer Associate Researched issues including municipal immunity, corporate litigation, personal injury defense, personal jurisdiction over foreign corporations, and antitrust law. Internet research on bills pending before U.S. Congress. Drafted interrogatories, motions, and supporting memoranda.
01/1997 05/1997	Civil Practice Clinic, Concord, NH, Student Attorney Represented clients through all phases of Social Security claims, including hearings before Administrative Law Judges.
01/1988 08/1995	Arthur H. K. Davis, Esq., Berlin, NH, Legal Assistant Researched and drafted legal documents and pleadings for personal injury, probate, marital, and corporate matters. Performed title examinations, prepared real estate documents, and supervised closings. Interviewed witnesses and clients. Procured and analyzed discovery information.

PUBLICATIONS

J. Granoff & S. McGinnis, *Two Perspectives on Reasonable Suspicion After <u>Roach</u> and <u>Vadnais</u>, 38 N.H.B.J. No.3, p.34 (1997).*