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December 4, 2017

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 Katherine A. Triffon, Position # 90615, Appropriation # 02-20-20-200510-2904-013-500132 as an Attorney, at a salary level of \$72,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or January 15, 2018, whichever is the latter.

## **EXPLANATION**

Ms. Triffon is a resident of Amherst and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She received her law degree from New York Law School, New York, New York in 2005 and her undergraduate degree from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 2002. Ms. Triffon has worked as an Agency Attorney for the New York City Police Department, Legal Bureau and Counsel for the New York City Police Department, Police Action Litigation Section, as well as an Assistant District Attorney in the Queens County District Attorney's Office. She is currently an Assistant County Attorney at the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office in Manchester. In view of Ms. Triffon's experience, I am requesting she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$72,000. She will be assigned to the Drug Prosecution Unit. A copy of her resume is attached.

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.

I am very pleased to offer Ms. Triffon's appointment as an Attorney 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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# KATHERINE A. TRIFFON, Esq.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Hillsborough County Attorney's Office, Manchester, Assistant County Attorney, January 2017-Present Handle a diverse and extensive felony caseload. Regularly attend CAC interviews/investigations. Consultant for Manchester Police Department Gang Division. Conducted three trials.

New York City Police Department, Police Action Litigation Section, Counsel, June 2015-Junuary 2017

Act as in-house counsel on a wide range of state and federal lawsuits arising from allegations of police action, and manage outside counsel leading these litigations. Regularly evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of individual cases, including assessment of any non-legal ramifications of the litigation. Specifically assigned as liaison/legal representative to the Emergency Service Unit of the NYPD. Instructor at the Police Academy on civil indemnification matters and criminal law issues.

LexisNexis Corporation, New York, NY Instructor to NYU Law School, May 2013-June 2015

Designed and conducted training sessions of law students, faculty and attorneys on beginning and advanced legal research. Assist law students, faculty, and administrators individually in performing basic and complex legal research tasks. Hired, trained, and actively managed a team of law students to administer programs, trainings, and marketing campaigns.

Queens County District Attorney's Office, Kew Gardens, NY Assistant District Attorney, April 2008–May 2013 Supreme Court Narcotics Trial Bureau: Managed a diverse felony caseload from arraignment through verdict and post trial motions. Presented cases to the Grand Jury, prepared motions and conducted pretrial hearings. Negotiated pleas and proffered defendants. Conducted 12 trials.

Supreme Court Trial Bureau Rider Program: Responsible for around the clock immediate response to major cases in Queens County including shootings, stabbings, kidnappings, and pattern robberies. Provided on-scene legal counsel to NYPD detective squads and other investigative units. Interviewed witnesses, secured evidence, and oversaw line-up procedures.

<u>Criminal Court & Intake Bureau</u>: Tried several cases and argued multiple pretrial hearings while managing a substantial misdemeanor caseload. Prepared cases at intake by interviewing witnesses and police officers. Represented the District Attorney at the 104th Precinct Council meetings. Served in the Star Track program as a mentor to elementary school children in Far Rockaway.

New York City Police Department, Legal Bureau, New York, NY Agency Attorney, September 2005-April 2008 Criminal Section: Provided legal counsel by to Police Supervisors in the field. Served as the Department's legal representative at large events such as parades, protests, and demonstrations. Represented the Department on the NYC Environmental Control Board committee.

Civil Enforcement Unit: Commenced ex parte civil actions via emergency motions pursuant to NYC Nuisance Abatement laws seeking injunctive relief and immediate closure, pending oral arguments, of commercial establishments and residences that support and facilitate illegal activities including prostitution, drug sales, illegal sale of alcohol and illegal gambling. Litigated civil forfeiture actions pursuant to NYC Administrative Code §14-140 on behalf of the City of New York and the NYPD for vehicles and property alleged to be the proceeds or instrumentalities of serious crimes including narcotics sales, weapons possession, vehicular homicide and driving while intoxicated.

### **EDUCATION**

New York Law School, New York, NY Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

#### **BAR ADMISSION**

New York State New Hampshire Maine Juris Doctor, May 2005

Bachelor of Arts in French, May 2002

Admitted in March 2005 Admitted in March 2017 Admitted in October 2017