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August 14, 2020

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 Michael R. Grandy (Position No. 9U052, Appropriation No. 02-20-201010-2620-013-500132) as an Attorney, at a salary level of \$70,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or August 28, 2020, whichever is later.

# **EXPLANATION**

Mr. Grandy is a Newington resident. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Colgate University in 2009 and his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center in 2014. While in law school, he was Senior Editor of the Georgetown International Environmental Law Review. Mr. Grandy is an active member of the New Hampshire Bar and has inactive status with the Delaware and Rhode Island Bars. He practiced as an Associate Attorney at Connolly Gallagher, LLP in Wilmington, Delaware, from 2014 through 2018, where he focused on corporate counseling and commercial litigation. He clerked for Duffy and Sweeney, Ltd. in 2018 and 2019 while living in Providence, Rhode Island. In light of Mr. Grandy's experience, I am requesting his appointment at a salary of \$70,000. He will be assigned to the Civil Law Bureau as a client counselor. A copy of his 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 Mr. Grandy'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

## MICHAEL R. GRANDY

## **ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY**

Business, Commercial and Corporate Ligitation • Corporate Counseling

Accomplished and driven attorney, with a focused practice in areas of corporate and commercial litigation. Interacts effectively with partners to identify and resolve complex client concerns. Extensive experience conducting research, preparing depositions, memoranda, drafting briefs, interrogatories, and other litigation materials.

## **Core Competencies:**

- Brief & Motion Drafting
- Arbitration Proceedings
- Appellate Practice
- Westlaw, Lexis & Courtlink
- E-Discovery Issues
- Client Management

## SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Second-chaired five depositions in \$27 million construction dispute (2018-2019)
- Researched and drafted opening brief in appeal from Board of Nursing in Superior Court (2018)
- Published article in Delaware State Bar Association Magazine: "Who Watches The Doc Reviewers?" (2018)
- Won pro bono client case through Family Court and Delaware Supreme Court Appeal (2015-2018)
- Prepared directors of public company for Special Litigation Committee interviews, facilitating settlement (2016)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **DUFFY & SWEENEY LTD.**

Law Clerk, Bar Admission Pending: Corporate and Commercial Litigation

Providence, R.I.

June, 2018-May, 2019

- Researched and drafted motions and briefs in Mass. Superior Court and before American Arbitration Association
- Second-chaired five depositions in complex construction dispute including multi-day 30(b)(6) deposition
- Managed document databases in three matters leading to selection of deposition and hearing exhibits
- Drafted discovery documents including interrogatories and requests for production in Federal District Court
- Conducted extensive legal research on WestlawNext and LexisAdvance, providing valuable research on hard-to-find caselaw

## **CONNOLLY GALLAGHER LLP**

Wilmington, DE

Associate Attorney: Corporate and Commercial Litigation; Corporate Counseling

September, 2014-May, 2018

- Drafted motions and briefs in District Court, Court of Chancery, Superior Court, Justice of the Peace Court, and Family Court
- Delivered successful oral arguments in Court of Chancery, Family Court, and Justice of the Peace Court
- Conducted depositions and deposition defense in Court of Chancery case helping to lead to successful settlements
- Prepared numerous witnesses for testimony including client in favorably settled AAA proceeding
- Drafted corporate and LLC documents for clients including liquidation and terminations of offshore companies
- Managed document review processes with efficiency and accuracy, saving client significant money

## **EDUCATION**

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, DC | Juris Doctor, cum laude (2014)

Senior Editor: Georgetown International Environmental Law Review

COLGATE UNIVERSITY, Hamilton, New York | Bachelor of Arts: Geography (2009)

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS & AFFILIATIONS**

New Hampshire, 2020 Delaware and Rhode Island (inactive) Volunteer: Delaware Volunteer Legal Services Mentor: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware