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Deputy Commissioner**

June 29, 2017

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

REQUESTED ACTION

The Insurance Department respectfully requests, pursuant to RSA 94:6 and RSA 94:1-a, III, that the Governor and Executive Council authorize the Department to hire Mary C. Bleier into the position of Enforcement Counsel, position #9U525 (an unclassified position at labor grade EE) off the salary chart to establish a \$1,000 differential above a subordinate classified employee, effective July 21, 2017 at the annual salary of \$93,079 which is \$6,447 above the maximum step on the salary chart.

The source of funds is 100% agency income.

EXPLANATION

RSA 94:1-a, III. states, in pertinent part, that

... any official whose salary upon placement in the new salary range is less than that of a subordinate classified employee shall be placed at the next higher step in range above said classified employee and shall be entitled to any increase provided for herein until the maximum provided herein is reached. However, in the event that the maximum of the unclassified position is less than the salary of said subordinate classified employee, the governor and council is authorized to increase the maximum of the unclassified position in an amount to provide a differential of not more than \$1,000.

A subordinate position that reports to the Compliance and Enforcement Counsel is currently filled by a classified employee who is compensated at this time at Labor Grade 32, Step 8—an amount that exceeds the top step of the EE grade. The provisions of RSA 94:1-a, III contemplate that the salary of a superior unclassified employee that would otherwise be less than that of a classified subordinate employee may exceed that of the subordinate unclassified employee by up to \$1,000, with Governor and Executive Council approval. The Insurance Department is seeking approval from Governor and Executive Council to compensate this unclassified position at \$1,000 per year above the classified subordinate position.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Alexander K. Feldvebel in black ink.

Alexander K. Feldvebel

Mary Bleier, Esq.

Admitted to Practice in New Hampshire and Vermont

Education:

Vermont Law School

South Royalton, VT

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2009

- Top 20% of Class, Deans List, received Academic Excellence Award for the top grade in Appellate Advocacy, Evidence, Estate Planning and Personal Injury.
- Moot Court Advisory Board and Jessup Appellate Advocacy Team Member.
- Member of the Vermont Legal Research Group, an organization of students that publishes summaries of recent Vermont Superior Court and Vermont Supreme Court decisions for the Vermont Judiciary.
- Member of the General Practice Program, a four-semester program that combines substantive legal issues with simulations, mock transactions and client interviews.

University of Vermont

Burlington, VT

Bachelor of Arts in Geography, Minor in Vermont Studies achieved May 2003

- Dean's List, Gamma Theta Upsilon - International Geographic Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society.

Professional Experience:

New Hampshire Insurance Department

Concord, NH

Deputy Enforcement Counsel – November 2015 – Present

- Civil enforcement of New Hampshire insurance laws and Administrative Rules.

Grafton County Attorney's Office

North Haverhill, NH

Assistant County Attorney - November 2009 – November 2015

- Prosecute felony offenses on behalf of the State of New Hampshire from indictment through post-conviction relief.
- Active in the Grafton County Drug Court Alternative Sentencing Program and ASSERT Mental Health Court Program.

Cheshire County Attorney's Office

Keene, NH

Post-Graduate Intern - September 2009 – November 2009

- Conducted legal research and prepared trial materials on behalf of the Cheshire County attorneys.
- Participated in trials and hearings on behalf of the State in New Hampshire Superior Court proceedings.

South Royalton Legal Clinic

South Royalton, VT

Part-time Student Clinician – Spring 2009

- Assisted Legal Aid attorneys in representing victims of domestic violence, SSDI, divorce and child advocacy in Vermont Family and District Courts.

Grafton County Attorney's Office

North Haverhill, NH

Part-time Extern – Fall 2008

- Participated in trials and hearings on behalf of the State in New Hampshire Superior Court proceedings.
- Prepared the Administrative Rules for the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources.

New Hampshire Public Defender

Keene, NH

Legal Intern – Summer 2008

- Advocated on behalf of indigent defendants in New Hampshire courts.

Tele Atlas North America

Lebanon, NH

October of 2003 – August 2006

- Awarded Rookie of the year for 2004, Positive Influence Award 2005, Team DRIVEN Award 2005, Team Leadership Award 2006 and "Chiever" Award 2006.