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June 1, 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 Christopher G. Aslin (position #9U038, appropriation #02-20-200510-2613-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$77,554.50. Mr. Aslin will be occupying a position for a five-year term, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through July 18, 2023.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Aslin is a resident of Contoocook, and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. He graduated from Vermont Law School in 2007 and also has a Master's Degree in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He also has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Dartmouth College. Mr. Aslin joined the office in 2014 and was appointed an Assistant Attorney General in June 2015. He was recently designated as a Senior Assistant Attorney General. This reappointment would give Mr. Aslin a five-year term. His salary as a Senior Assistant Attorney General is currently \$77,554.50 and will remain the same. 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. Aslin's 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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Christopher G. Aslin

Current Position

New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General, Environmental Protection Bureau, Concord, NH

Senior Assistant Attorney General, April 2018 – present; Assistant Attorney General, June 2015 – March 2018;

Attorney, September 2014 - May 2015

- Represent the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services with respect to civil
 enforcement cases and in appeals of agency decisions before the Environmental Councils
- Provide counsel to the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department and representation on property acquisitions and boundary disputes
- Serve as Counsel for the Public before the Site Evaluation Committee in energy facility siting proceedings
- Represent the New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives and the New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services in administrative proceedings before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
- Provide legal advice and document review to state agencies, boards, and commissions on a variety of matters

Education

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT

Juris Doctor, summa cum laude, May 2007

- Vermont Law Review, Note Editor
- Research Assistant, Institute for Energy and the Environment; Teaching Assistant, Legal Research

Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT

Master of Environmental Management, May 2007

- Research Assistant, Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy
- Master's project on the efficacy of market mechanisms in providing energy efficiency resources

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Master of Arts in Psychology, August 2002

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Bachelor of Arts in Biology, June 1997

Prior Work Experience

Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, P.A., Manchester, NH

Attorney, September 2007 – September 2014

Summer clerk, June 2005 - August 2005; July 2006 - August 2006

- Represented clients in all aspects of civil litigation before state and federal courts, including discovery, motions practice, both bench and jury trials, and appeals before the New Hampshire Supreme Court
- Represented clients in administrative adjudicative proceedings before numerous state and local tribunals, including the Wetlands Council, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, Bureau of Securities Regulation, New Hampshire Retirement System, and municipal zoning and planning boards

Prior Work Experience (cont.)

Natural Resources Council of Maine, Augusta, ME

Energy Efficiency Policy Intern, June 2006 – July 2006

 Researched and drafted white paper and comments to the Maine Public Utilities Commission regarding energy efficiency resource availability and deployment in Maine

United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Concord, NH

Judicial Extern, January 2005 – April 2005

 Researched and wrote memos and draft opinions for the Honorable Jeffrey R. Howard, Circuit Judge

Vermont Supreme Court, Montpelier, VT

Summer Intern, June 2004 – July 2004

Researched and drafted judicial opinions for the Honorable Paul L. Reiber, Associate Justice

The Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.

Senior Program Asst., Appropriations, March 2003 – July 2003

 Coordinated a multi-group coalition advocating for the Conservation Trust Fund, a funding mechanism for federal and state land acquisition, local parks and recreation, and historic preservation programs

Office of Congressman Sherrod Brown, Washington, D.C.

Legislative Assistant, August 2002 - March 2003

Advised Congressman Brown on energy, environment, economic, and international affairs
policy and legislation

Leadership and Honors

- Chair, New Hampshire Bar Association Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section (2014-2015)
- New Hampshire Bar Association Leadership Academy Participant (2010-2011)
- Super Lawyers "Rising Star" in Business Litigation (2011-2014)