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September 25, 2018

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 Heather A. Cherniske, Position #9U541, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132 as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$75,500, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or October 26, 2018, whichever is the latter.

EXPLANATION


Ms. Cherniske is a resident of Henniker, and a member of the New Hampshire and Massachusetts Bars. She received her law degree from University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2010 where she was a member of the Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations, Political Science, and Business from The Pennsylvania State University in 2008. She was an Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Concord from September 2011 to October 2013. In October 2013 she joined the Department of Justice as an attorney in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. In March 2014 she was commissioned as an Assistant Attorney General. In April 2015, Ms. Cherniske became an Unemployment Fraud Prosecutor for the Department of Employment Security. In this position, she was embedded in the Criminal Justice Bureau. As a Department of Justice employee, she will be assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau. A copy of Ms. Cherniske's resume is attached.

2001 Laws of NH Chapter 158 amended RSA 94:1-a(1)(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. Cherniske's appointment 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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Heather A. Cherniske

Admitted to practice in New Hampshire and Massachusetts

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH

Juris Doctor

May 2010

GPA: 3.45/4.00, Cum Laude

Honors and Awards

- Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program; National Association of Women Lawyers Award Recipient
- Activities*
- Moot Court Board, 2009-2010; Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition, 2008-2009; Co-President, Women's Law Student Association, 2008-2009; Teaching Assistant, Legal Skills II, Spring 2009; Teaching Assistant, Torts, Fall 2008

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Bachelor of Arts, Public Relations; Minors: Political Science and Business

May 2007

GPA: 3.41/4.00

EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Employment Security, Concord, NH

Unemployment Fraud Prosecutor

April 2015 – Present

- Prosecute both claimant and employer unemployment compensation fraud.
- Oversee and coordinate investigations as well as provide training for investigators.
- Work with the Attorney General's Office in investigations and trial and appellate court litigation.
- Teach law enforcement cadets and police prosecutors about criminal law and procedures at NH Police Standards and Training.

New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, Concord, NH

Assistant Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Oct. 2013 – April 2015

- Prepared and prosecuted patient abuse, theft, and Medicaid fraud criminal and civil cases.
- Wrote and argued appellate briefs for the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

City of Concord Prosecutor's Office, Concord, NH

Assistant City Prosecutor

Sept. 2011 – Oct. 2013

- Prosecuted violation and misdemeanor crimes and felony cases through probable cause hearings.
- Reviewed and filed violation, misdemeanor, and felony level complaints with the Court.

New Hampshire Superior Court, Rockingham County, NH

Law Clerk

Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2011

- Assisted judges with research and writing for court orders.
- Reviewed parties' pleadings and briefs to assist judges with judicial proceedings.

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

- Committee Member, Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee.
- Editor for national best-selling book, *Law School Confidential* by Robert Miller.
- Cooking, running, skiing, and reading.