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September 15, 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 Meghan C. Hagaman as an Assistant Attorney General to Position #9U361 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2904-013-500132) at a salary level of \$68,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or October 9, 2020, whichever is later. Ms. Hagaman will be occupying a position with a term that ends October 5, 2025.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Hagaman is a Portsmouth resident and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She received her undergraduate degree in Marketing and Political Science, *cum laude*, from Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana in May 2010. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in May 2013. Between 2013 and 2019, Ms. Hagaman prosecuted cases as an Assistant County Attorney in the Rockingham, Carroll, Strafford, and Merrimack County Attorneys' offices. She joined the New Hampshire Department of Justice in August 2019 where she has been assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau prosecuting drug cases. I am requesting that she receive a \$3,000 salary increase from \$65,000 to \$68,000. I plan to continue her current assignment. A copy of her resume is attached.

RSA 94:1-a(I)(c)(3) provides 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. Hagaman'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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon J. MacDonald', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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MEGHAN C. HAGAMAN



WORK EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, Concord, NH

Attorney, August 2019 – Present

- Serve in the Criminal Justice Bureau and assigned to the Homicide and Drug Units to prosecute murders and serious drug offenses, such as sale of controlled drugs and overdose death-resulting cases
- Advocate in written pleadings and through various court proceedings across the state, including evidentiary bail hearings and forfeiture actions
- Represent the State in criminal appeals in the New Hampshire Supreme Court

Merrimack County Attorney's Office, Concord, NH

Assistant County Attorney, August 2016 – August 2019

- Lead counsel or second chair for more than a dozen jury trials involving attempted murder, criminal threatening, domestic violence, assault, possession of a controlled drug, and other crimes
- Represented the State in Superior Court for pre-trial, evidentiary, and post-conviction proceedings
- Worked with a robust caseload involving felony and misdemeanor crimes from initial investigations and charging decisions through plea negotiations and sentencing arguments

Strafford County Attorney's Office, Dover, NH

Assistant County Attorney, June 2015 – July 2016

- Performed approximately ten jury trials concerning possession with intent to sell, arson, second degree assault, aggravated felonious sexual assault, and other crimes
- Argued on behalf of the State in Superior Court, including bail, suppression, and sentencing hearings
- Managed a substantial caseload of felonies and misdemeanors in a fast-paced working environment

Carroll County Attorney's Office, Ossipee, NH

Assistant County Attorney, August 2014 – May 2015

- Handled responsibilities related to assigned felony and misdemeanor cases
- Represented the State in court hearings and jury trials in Superior Court
- Drafted charging documents, presented to grand juries, and conferred with police departments

Rockingham County Attorney's Office, Brentwood, NH

Assistant County Attorney (Supreme Court Rule 36), September – November 2013

- Second chair on a simple assault jury trial in Superior Court
- Assigned approximately twelve felony cases to review, evaluate, and manage
- Prepared charging documents, motions, objections, and legal research

Merrimack County Attorney's Office, Concord, NH

Student Attorney (Supreme Court Rule 36), August 2012 – April 2013

- Lead counsel or second chair on four jury trials in Superior Court
- Conducted or participated in about ten witness preparation meetings
- Researched, drafted, and filed legal motions and objections

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH

Juris Doctor, May 2013

- Participated in the Texas Young Lawyer's Association National Trial Competition (2013)

Butler University, Indianapolis, IN

Bachelor of Science, Marketing (major) & Political Science (minor), May 2010

- Graduated Cum Laude; Dean's List; Awarded Butler's Top 100 (2008-2009)

BAR ADMISSION

New Hampshire Bar, admitted May 2014