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May 14, 2019

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 Brandon H. Garod to position #9U223 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2611-013-500132), for a term ending January 1, 2023, where he will remain as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary of \$83,000 effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or June 7, 2019, whichever is the latter.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Garod is a resident of Dover, New Hampshire and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. He received his law degree from the University of Maine School of Law in 2012 with an undergraduate degree from Keene State College in 2009. Before joining this office, Mr. Garod served as an Assistant County Attorney in Rockingham and Carroll Counties. In 2016, he joined the Department of Justice as an Attorney in the Consumer Protection Bureau. Mr. Garod was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in June 2017. In May 2019, he was designated Senior Assistant Attorney General and the Bureau Chief for the Consumer Protection Bureau. Mr. Garod was in a temporary non-commissioned position, budgeted within the Consumer Protection Bureau, and is transferring to a permanent commissioned position #9U223, within the Consumer Protection Bureau, where his salary of \$83,000 will remain the same. A copy of his resume is attached.

RSA 94:1-a(1)(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 Mr. Garod a position with a commission term and urge your favorable consideration of this position assignment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gordon J. MacDonald", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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BRANDON H. GAROD

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of New Hampshire, 2012
- Federal District Court: New Hampshire, 2012

EDUCATION

University of Maine School of Law, Portland, Maine
Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 2012

- Class Rank: Top Quarter
- Member, Moot Court Team

Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General, Concord, New Hampshire
Attorney, Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit, July 2016-present

- Leading the development of a new prosecution unit at the New Hampshire Department of Justice dedicated solely to the prosecution of crimes committed against the elderly.
- Working closely with Adult Protective Services and law enforcement to review and evaluate complaints of abuse, neglect, exploitation and theft from elderly citizens throughout New Hampshire.
- Investigating and prosecuting the most serious cases of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- Working closely with law enforcement and prosecutors in an advisory role to assist with the investigation and prosecution cases of elder abuse and neglect not prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

Rockingham County Attorney's Office, Brentwood, New Hampshire
Assistant County Attorney, September 2014-July 2016

- Managed a felony caseload of approximately 100 cases at a time. Performed all aspects of case management, including presenting cases to grand juries, negotiating plea resolutions and conducting all associated hearings and jury trials.
- Conducted extensive legal research and prepared pleadings in connection with trial and other evidentiary hearings.
- Worked closely with law enforcement and investigators to effectively build strong cases.
- Developed trial strategies using independent research and thought. Advised law enforcement and victims regarding strengths and weaknesses of cases.
- Successfully first chaired numerous jury trials.

Carroll County Attorney's Office, Ossipee, New Hampshire
Assistant County Attorney, January 2013-September 2014

- Managed a felony caseload of approximately 80 cases at a time. Performed all aspects of case management.
- Successfully first chaired numerous jury trials.

Law Office of Harvey J. Garod, Meredith, New Hampshire
Attorney, July 2012-January 2013

- Executed all necessary tasks in settling a high volume of plaintiff's personal injury cases including corresponding with parties, preparing and filing writs, motions, ADR summaries, pretrial statements and performing all necessary legal research.