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August 7, 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 Amanda Palmeira as an Attorney (Position #9U059, Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2630-013-500132) at a salary level of \$61,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or August 30, 2019, whichever is the latter.

EXPLANATION

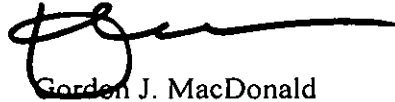
Ms. Palmeira is a resident of Keene, New Hampshire and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She received her law degree, *cum laude*, from New England Law, Boston Massachusetts, in 2017 and her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Central Florida, Orlando Florida, in 2013. She served as a research assistant at New England Law from 2015 to 2017. Ms. Palmeira worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, from August to December, 2016. She has been a law clerk for the New Hampshire Superior Court since August 2017. In light of Ms. Palmeira's experience, I am requesting she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary level of \$61,000. She will be assigned to the Debt Collection Unit. 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. Palmeira's appointment as an Attorney 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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Amanda Palmeira

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Hampshire, 2017 (bar exam, UBE); *pending* Washington, D.C., 2018 (UBE transfer)

EDUCATION

New England Law | Boston – Boston, Ma. 2017
3.66, 25 of 167 (Top 15%), Cum Laude, Dean's List

Case Comment: "Orange is the New Participation: How Expansion of the Public Figure Doctrine in *LaChance v. Boston Herald* Endangers Internet Users," 51 NEW ENG. L. REV. 518 (2017)

University of Central Florida – Orlando, Fla. – Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, minor in Political Science/Pre-Law 2013
3.87, Magna Cum Laude, Honors Diploma Distinction, Dean's List (2011–2013)

Honors in the Major Thesis: "Suing Their Way Into the Newsroom: How Women at The Detroit News Changed Journalism" (2012)

Seminole State College of Florida – Sanford, Fla. – Associate of Arts Degree 2011
4.0, Summa Cum Laude, Honors Diploma Distinction, President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Superior Court – Keene, NH – Judicial Law Clerk to the Hon. David W. Ruoff August 2017–August 2019
Performed legal research and drafted orders on all aspects of cases before several Superior Court judges
Worked closely with Judge Ruoff on substantive and procedural legal issues arising in variety of cases
Attended hearings, jury trials, and bench trials on felony-level criminal and large civil cases (\$10,000+)

New England Law Review – Boston, Ma. – Executive Online Editor 2016–2017
Solicited and reviewed articles for the *New England Law Review's* online component, *On Remand*
Ensured Bluebook, Redbook, and in-house style in all law review articles, blogs, and posts

U.S Attorney's Office – Civil Division, District of Massachusetts – Boston, Ma. – Legal Intern August–December 2016
Conducted research, wrote memoranda, and drafted motions for U.S. Attorney Anita Johnson
Worked with Civil Division cases concerning state and federal government entities' liability and sovereign immunity
Researched the Federal Torts Claims Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Administrative Procedure Act, and FOIA

New England Law | Boston – Boston, Ma. – Research Assistant to Prof. Lawrence Friedman 2015–2017
Researched constitutional law holdings in federal circuit and district courts and drafted summaries
Proofread and edited selections to assist with constitutional law casebook drafting

Law Office of Carmen L. Durso – Boston, Ma. – Law Clerk May–August 2016
Worked with cases in federal and Massachusetts court in representation of sexual abuse victims
Conducted research and wrote memoranda on relevant law, including §1983 and Title IX

New England First Amendment Coalition – Boston, Ma. – Intern June–August 2015
Researched law for First Amendment issues and drafted memorandum for NEFAC executive director
Attended Massachusetts State House public hearings and published blogs about pending open records legislation

OTHER EXPERIENCE

BakerHostetler, LLP – Orlando, Fla. – Marketing Intern 2013–2014
Wrote and distributed press releases, and collaborated with attorneys on marketing materials and requests for proposals
Hosted content and administered LinkedIn and Twitter profiles of Business Development & Marketing Manager

The Central Florida Future – Orlando, Fla. – Copy Editor & Contributing Writer 2013
Worked on editorial staff of student-run, off-campus newspaper
Proofread, copyedited, and applied AP Style to articles for bi-weekly newspaper covering Central Florida and UCF
Wrote news articles concerning UCF with focus UCF's Student Government Association actions

Local 6 ClickOrlando.com – Orlando, Fla. – News Intern 2012
Worked in newsroom of CBS-affiliate television station WKMG News 6 with its online entity, ClickOrlando.com
Wrote and published online articles from press releases, news reports, and reporter scripts