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March 6, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
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 designate Stacey P. Coughlin (position #9U541, appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-500132), as an Attorney at a salary of \$58,000.00, effective March 29, 2013.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Coughlin is a resident of Exeter, New Hampshire, and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She graduated from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 2007, and has most recently served as an Assistant County Attorney in Rockingham County since 2011. Ms. Coughlin was an Associate Attorney with the Sulloway & Hollis law firm from 2009 to 2011, and prior to that, served as a judicial law clerk with the Rockingham County Superior Court from 2007 to 2009. In view of Ms. Coughlin's experience, I am requesting she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$58,000.00. A copy of her resume is attached. I plan to assign Ms. Coughlin to the Criminal Bureau.

2001 Laws of NH Chapter 258, 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.

I am very pleased to offer for your approval Ms. Coughlin's appointment as an Attorney at the above-referenced salary and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael A. Delaney
Attorney General

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STACEY P. COUGHLIN

- EXPERIENCE** **Rockingham County Attorney's Office** Brentwood, New Hampshire
Assistant County Attorney April 2011 to Present
- Litigate felony offenses from Grand Jury indictment through jury trial to sentencing
 - Hold two-day investigative Grand Jury, ultimately providing Order of Immunity after witness asserted Fifth Amendment Privilege during Grand Jury testimony
 - Conduct proffer of defendant in violent home invasion case for use against co-defendants
 - Attend scene of suspected negligent homicide, analyze TAR report with Chief of Police
 - Assist police departments in investigation of cases, providing immediate legal assistance in ongoing investigations
 - Successfully litigate *Daubert* issue leading to remand prior to hearing
 - Conduct examinations of expert witnesses, cross-examinations of defense witnesses and defendants, utilize interpreters during trial
 - Create successful objection to motion for *in camera* inspection of police personnel file
 - Litigate case with *Laurie* issue, litigate *Richards* issues
 - Research legal issues and compose motions *in limine* on character evidence, other bad acts, prior convictions, to exclude defense witnesses; objections to motions to suppress and objections to motions to dismiss
 - File waivers of indictment, present secret indictments
 - Litigate at hearings on bail, suppression, probation violations and contested and negotiated sentencing hearings
 - Work closely with victim-witness advocates and victims of sexual assault, second degree assault, burglary and theft crimes
- Sulloway & Hollis, PLLC** Concord, New Hampshire
Associate Attorney August 2009 to April 2011
- Compose winning brief in *Appeal of James Margeson*, 162 N.H. 273 (2011), which redefined workers' compensation law by holding that the increased-risk doctrine applies to neutral injuries when determining whether an injury arises out of employment
 - Second-chair 6-day wrongful termination jury trial
 - Litigate highly technical non-compete and trade secret case in federal court
 - Conduct national teleconference on examinations under oath
 - Write Notice of Appeal accepted by the Supreme Court of New Hampshire
- Rockingham County Superior Court** Brentwood, New Hampshire
Judicial Law Clerk August 2007 to August 2009
- Evaluated legal issues with Judges and observed bench and jury trials
 - Drafted Judicial Orders for bench trials, motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, motions *in limine*, and motions to suppress
 - Specifically, assisted in *State v. LaBarre*, *State v. John Brooks*, and *State v. Jesse Brooks* regarding homicide, insanity defense, death penalty statutes and evidentiary issues resulting therefrom

Hillsborough County Superior Court South
Law Clerk for the Honorable Gary E. Hicks

Nashua, New Hampshire
Summer 2005

ADMISSIONS **New Hampshire State Courts** November 2007
United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire November 2007

EDUCATION **Franklin Pierce Law Center** Concord, New Hampshire
Juris Doctor May 2007
Trial Moot Court: American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition
Appellate Moot Court: American Bar Association Law Student Tax Challenge

University of Massachusetts Lowell, Massachusetts
Bachelor of Science in Plastics Engineering, cum laude May 2004

ACTIVITIES New Hampshire Women's Bar Association – Programming Committee
New Hampshire Bar Association's Bar News Committee