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August 17, 2021

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

1. That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to grant a salary increase of \$5,188, from \$70,812 to \$76,000, to Michael R. Grandy, Attorney, (Position No. 9U052, Appropriation No. 02-20-20-201010-2620-013-500132) effective **retroactive to July 2, 2021** upon Governor and Executive Council approval.
2. Upon approval of paragraph one, that approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to appoint Michael R. Grandy (Position No. 9U052, Appropriation No. 02-20-20-201010-2620-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$79,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or August 27, 2021, whichever is later, for a term ending October 31, 2022.

EXPLANATION

Paragraph One: In accordance with the 2001 N.H. Laws Chapter 158, Section 101, and 2021 N.H. Laws Chapter 91, Section 340, this request seeks your approval to grant a salary increase for Attorney Michael R. Grandy. This item is **retroactive** because funds in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 biennium budget were not available to submit this request prior to July 2, 2021.

Paragraph Two: Mr. Grandy is a Newington resident. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Colgate University in 2009 and his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center in 2014. While in law school, he was Senior Editor of the *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*. Mr. Grandy is an active member of the New Hampshire Bar and has inactive status with the Delaware and Rhode Island Bars. He practiced as an Associate Attorney at Connolly Gallagher, LLP in Wilmington, Delaware, from 2014 through 2018, where

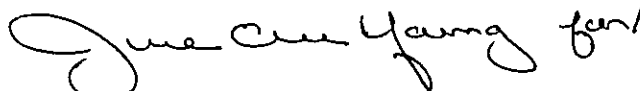
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he focused on corporate counseling and commercial litigation. He clerked for Duffy and Sweeney, Ltd. in 2018 and 2019 while living in Providence, Rhode Island and joined the Department of Justice in August 2020 as an Attorney in the Client Counseling Unit. His Attorney salary, **retroactive to July 2, 2021**, will increase by \$5,188, from \$70,812 to \$76,000. As a result of his appointment as an Assistant Attorney General, his salary will increase by \$3,000, from \$76,000 to \$79,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or August 27, 2021, whichever is later. I will continue his assignment in the Client Counseling Unit. A copy of his 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.

I am very pleased to offer Mr. Grandy'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 cursive script that reads "John M. Formella".

John M. Formella
Attorney General

MICHAEL R. GRANDY

ATTORNEY

• *Client Counseling* • *Litigation*

Accomplished and driven attorney, with a focused practice in areas of client counseling and probate litigation. Interacts effectively with colleagues to identify and resolve complex client concerns. Extensive experience conducting research, preparing memoranda, drafting briefs, and trying guardianship and involuntary admission cases on behalf of New Hampshire.

Core Competencies:

- Brief & Motion Drafting
- Client Management
- E-Discovery
- Probate litigation
- Westlaw, Lexis & Courtlink

SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Currently working to identify and streamline access to New Hampshire mental-health resources (2021)
- Successfully resolved Sunday-work lawsuit filed against Liquor Commission (2021)
- Obtained several guardianships and involuntary admissions to aid in mental-health treatment (2020-21)
- Aided Labor Department in obtaining injunction against contractor in violation of labor laws (2020)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Concord, NH

Attorney: Client Counseling

August, 2020-present

- Delivered successful oral arguments and filed motions and petitions in probate court and superior court
- Identified state agency concerns and resolved issues prior to initiation of litigation
- Reviewed and helped negotiate numerous agency contracts
- Drafted comprehensive analysis and guidance for state-wide implementation of complex state laws

DUFFY & SWEENEY LTD.

Providence, R.I.

Law Clerk: Corporate and Commercial Litigation

June, 2018-May, 2019

- Researched and drafted motions and briefs in Mass. Superior Court and American Arbitration Association
- Second-chaired five depositions in complex construction dispute including multi-day 30(b)(6) deposition

CONNOLLY GALLAGHER LLP

Wilmington, DE

Associate Attorney: Corporate and Commercial Litigation; Corporate Counseling

September, 2014-May, 2018

- Drafted motions and briefs in District Court, Court of Chancery, Superior Court, Justice of the Peace Court, and Family Court
- Delivered successful oral arguments in Court of Chancery, Family Court, and Justice of the Peace Court

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, DC | **Juris Doctor, cum laude (2014)**

Senior Editor: Georgetown International Environmental Law Review

COLGATE UNIVERSITY, Hamilton, New York | **Bachelor of Arts: Geography (2009)**

BAR ADMISSIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Delaware Supreme Court, 2014 (inactive)
Rhode Island Supreme Court, 2019 (inactive)
New Hampshire Supreme Court, 2020

Volunteer: Delaware Volunteer Legal Services
Mentor: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware