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June 24, 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 Takhmina Rakhmatova Position #9U216 (Appropriation #02-20-201010-2620-013-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$62,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or July 19, 2019, whichever is the latter.

## **EXPLANATION**

Ms. Rakhmatova is a resident of Chelsea, Massachusetts. She received her law degree from Suffolk University Law School in May 2018, and an undergraduate degree in Commercial Law from the University of Westminster in Tashkent, Uzbekistan where she graduated Summa Cum Laude in June 2012. From January 2016 to May 2016, Ms. Rakhmatova worked as a Research Assistant to Professor Michael Rustad at Suffolk University Law School and also as a Judicial Intern to the Honorable Stephen Limon (Ret.) at Suffolk County Juvenile Court in Boston, Massachuetts. From June 2016 to June 2018, Ms. Rakhmatova was a Legal Administrative Assistant at Lathrop Gage, LLP. Also during that time, from August 2017 to May 2018, she was also a Student Attorney, SJC rule 3:03 Certified at the Suffolk University Law School Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic. Presently, Ms. Rakhmatova is an Appellate Court Attorney at the State of New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department in Albany, New York. In light of Ms. Rakhmatova's experience, I am requesting she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$62,000. She will be assigned to the Civil Bureau as a contracts attorney. A copy of her resume is attached.

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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 Ms. Rakhmatova's appointment as an Attorney at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Young

Deputy Attorney General

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#### TAKHMINA RAKHMATOVA

#### **EDUCATION**

Suffolk University Law School

Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude

Class Rank:

Top 5% (5/95)

GPA: 3.84/4.00

University of Westminster

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, Commercial Law

June 2012

Boston, MA

May 2018

Degree/Class Rank:

First Class Degree; Top 7% (4/56)

#### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

State of New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department

Albany, NY

Appellate Court Attorney

August 2018 - Present

Research and draft preliminary reports for various cases on appeal, including but not limited to civil, criminal and administrative cases. Advise a panel of judges on the current law and provide recommendations on disposition of the assigned cases. Edit decisions. Research and draft recommendations on the motions.

Lathrop Gage, LLP

Boston, MA

Legal Administrative Assistant

June 2016 - June 2018

Drafted and filed documents related to various phases of patent prosecution, including but not limited to utility applications, responses, assignments of invention. Investigated patent file history and checked patent related information for correctness. Prepared reports for clients regarding filings, correspondence received from the USPTO and foreign associates, due dates and actions required.

Suffolk University Law School Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic Student Attorney, SJC Rule 3:03 Certified

Boston: MA

August 2017 - May 2018

Drafted various documents, including but not limited to private contracts, settlement agreements, operating agreements, bylaws, terms and conditions, and privacy policy. Conducted trademark searches and prepared clearance letters. Drafted and filed documents to various phases of trademark prosecution, including trademark applications, responses, statements of use. Counseled clients on issues of copyright registration, trademark prosecution and opposition, IP use, protection and exploitation. Prepared comprehensive business plans and filed necessary documents with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

# Suffolk County Juvenile Court - Boston

Boston, MA

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Stephen Limon (Ret.)

January 2016 - May 2016

Drafted finding of facts and conclusion of law on variety of issues including Miranda rights and search and seizure. Researched and drafted legal memoranda on motions to suppress. Assisted the Judge directly in all court proceedings. Observed motion sessions, hearings and trials.

#### Suffolk University Law School

Boston, MA

Research Assistant to Professor Michael Rustad

January 2016 - May 2016

Researched and edited various sections of Prof. Rustad's treatises on electronic contracts and software licensing agreements. Drafted sections on the global internet, data privacy protection and software license agreements.

## **CERTIFICATIONS AND INTERESTS**

Bar Admissions: Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire (pending)

Language: Russian (Fluent)

Certifications: Public Notary, Massachusetts (Commission expires April 1, 2022)

Interests: Rock Climbing, freediving, playing piano