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March 23, 2022

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 Brendan O'Donnell to Position #9U599 (Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2620-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$78,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or April 15, 2022, whichever is later.

**EXPLANATION**

Mr. O'Donnell, a Canterbury resident, earned his Bachelor of Arts from Southern New Hampshire University in 2013 and his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law in 2016. While in law school, he was Chief Articles Editor of *University of New Hampshire Law Review* and a Daniel Webster Scholar. He served as a law clerk for the Hon. Chief Justice Robert Lynn at the New Hampshire Supreme Court from 2016 to 2018, and practiced as an associate at Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, from 2018 to 2022. Between Spring 2020 and the present he has been an Adjunct Professor at University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law teaching courses in Legal Analysis and Writing II, Judicial Opinion Drafting, and Fundamentals of Lawyering. He is a member of the Daniel Webster-Batchelder American Inn of Court, member and former clerk of the New Hampshire Bar Municipal and Government Law Section, and alternate member of the Canterbury Planning Board. In light of Mr. O'Donnell's experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$78,000. He will be assigned to the Civil Law Bureau's Litigation 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,

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subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

I am very pleased to offer Mr. O'Donnell'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 cursive script, appearing to read "J. M. Formella".

John M. Formella  
Attorney General

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## **Brendan O'Donnell**

### **Legal Experience:**

#### **Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC—Meredith, NH.**

Associate: September 2018-Present.

- Represented clients in various matters involving municipal law, land use and permitting, telecommunications, litigation, and appellate litigation.
- New Hampshire Supreme Court: Represented clients before the Supreme Court, including drafting briefs and memoranda of law, and oral argument.
- New Hampshire Superior Court: Represented clients at hearings and trials, and drafted numerous complaints, answers, motions, and trial memoranda.
- New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land Appeals: Represented municipal clients in complex tax abatement trials.

#### **New Hampshire Supreme Court—Concord, NH.**

Law Clerk, The Honorable Chief Justice Robert J. Lynn, 2016-2018.

#### **University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law, Concord, NH.**

Adjunct Professor: Fundamentals of Lawyering—Spring 2022.

Adjunct Professor: Judicial Opinion Drafting—Winter 2022.

Adjunct Professor: Legal Analysis and Writing II—Spring 2020 and 2021.

### **Education and Certification:**

#### **Bar Admissions:**

New Hampshire State Bar—Admitted 2016.

United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire—Admitted 2019.

#### **University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, Concord, NH.**

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2016.

*University of New Hampshire Law Review*-Chief Articles Editor.

Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program.

### **Community Involvement:**

**Daniel Webster-Batchelder American Inn of Court**—Member since 2017.

**New Hampshire Bar: Municipal & Government Law Section**—Member and former Clerk.

**Federal Communications Bar Association**—Member.

**Canterbury Planning Board**—Alternate Member.