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July 23, 2018

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 reappoint Lisa Wolford, (Position #9U540, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$80,220.00. Ms. Wolford will be occupying a position for a five-year term, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through August 13, 2023.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Wolford is a resident of Portsmouth and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She graduated from Cornell Law School in 2002 and received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College in 1986 *cum laude*. From 2002 to 2012, she was a New Hampshire Public Defender at both the trial and appellate levels and was a member of the Appellate Defender Office for three years. Ms. Wolford was appointed as an Attorney with the Department of Justice in June 2012 and appointed to Assistant Attorney General in August 2013. In September, 2017, she was named Senior Assistant Attorney General and Bureau Chief of the Criminal Justice Bureau. A copy of her resume is attached.

2001 Laws of NH Chapter 158 amended RSA 94:1-a(1)(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.

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I am very pleased to offer Ms. Wolford's reappointment 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 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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LISA L. WOLFORD

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY

J.D., May 2002

Honors: CALI award for highest grade in Women in the Law

Activities: Note Editor, Journal of Law & Public Policy

Research Assistant to Professor John Blume, Cornell Death Penalty Project

Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

B.A., Political Science, 1986

Honors: Cum laude

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. Concord, NH; July 2012 – present.

Criminal Justice Bureau Chief, September 2017 – present. Supervise approximately 30 attorneys and support staff in NHDOJ's largest bureau. Oversee investigation and litigation in homicide, drug, Medicaid fraud, public integrity, and appeals units. Conduct performance reviews and manage personnel issues. Testify before the New Hampshire General Court on significant criminal justice legislation; respond to media inquiries; resolve complex criminal justice matters in coordination with state, local, and federal law enforcement and prosecution leaders.

Assistant Attorney General, Public Integrity Crimes, March 2015 – September 2017. Developed and implemented strategy for investigation into allegations of criminal misconduct by state and local public officials. Interfaced with executives from all levels and branches of government. Led investigative and indictment proceedings before the grand jury; prosecuted defendants in the circuit and superior courts from charge to trial. In conjunction with NHDOJ's Civil Bureau, advised the Division for Children, Youth, and Families; drafted and advocated for legislative amendments to the Child Protection Act.

Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Unit, July 2012 – March 2015. Authored approximately four dozen briefs and memorandums of law, briefed State's appeals in cases of merit, and defended the State's position at oral argument before the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Aggressively litigated state habeas corpus petitions.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC DEFENDER. August 2002 – May 2012:

Staff Attorney, Stratham, NH; Aug 2002 – Sept 2007; Feb 2012 – May 2012. Represented indigent defendants charged with delinquencies, misdemeanors, and serious felonies including homicides. Casework included intensive motions practice; development of investigation and trial strategy; work with forensic experts; depositions; bench and jury trial practice; plea negotiations; and extensive interface with mental health and social service agencies. Developed and presented legal trainings.

Assistant Appellate Defender, Concord, NH; Sept 2009 – Feb 2012. Researched and wrote more than 35 briefs and presented oral argument in over 20 cases to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Contributed to the petitioner's brief to the United States Supreme Court in Perry v. New Hampshire, 132 S. Ct. 716 (2012).

Staff Attorney, Special Defender Office, Manchester, NH; Oct 2007 – Aug 2009. One of three attorneys chosen to represent indigent respondents facing civil commitment under newly enacted sexually violent predator law. Engaged in extensive research and writing concerning constitutional and statutory challenges to untested statute. Successfully briefed and argued State v. Fournier, 158 N.H. 441 (2009), resulting in reversal of a pivotal trial-court decision. Conducted multi-day Daubert hearing challenging, for the first time in New Hampshire, the methodology of statistically-based risk prediction.

LEGAL INTERNSHIPS

Defender Association of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; May – Aug 2001.

Law Intern. Conducted client interviews; assisted attorneys with trial preparation; researched and wrote memoranda of law; represented clients in hearings.

Appalachian Research & Defense Fund, Barbourville, KY; June – Aug 2000.

Law Intern. Worked for Southeastern Kentucky indigent legal services organization with focus on consumer and family law.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lisa Wolford (sole proprietor), New York, NY; February 1996 – July 1999

Agent. Started full-service photography agency to formulate creative and commercial strategy for principal fashion photographer. Supervised the accounting of over one million dollars in yearly billings.

Leslie Simitch PhotoProduction, New York, NY; March 1992 – January 1996

Producer. Produced print advertising projects for fashion and portrait photographers including Annie Leibovitz and Richard Avedon, and global retailers including The Gap and Neiman Marcus.

Freelance consultant, New York, NY; February 1990 – 1992

Consultant. Coordinated marketing and advertising efforts for wholesale and retail fashion concerns.

Andy Warhol's Interview, New York, NY; October 1987 – February 1990

Associate Editor. Produced, styled, researched, conducted interviews for, wrote, and edited articles.

Bozell Jacobs Kenyon & Eckhardt, New York, NY; October 1986 – September 1987

Assistant Media Planner. Evaluated national print media for Merrill Lynch and Nabisco accounts.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

- Co-author, "A Guide to Appellate Advocacy in New Hampshire," November 2014
- Committee member, N.H. Bar Foundation Civics In Action Program, July - September 2011
- Inaugural class member, NHBA Leadership Academy, October 2010 - June 2011
- Planning group member, NHPD trial skills in-house training development, February - May 2010
- Exemplary Public Interest Rising Star Award, Cornell Law School, February 2008.
- Board member, New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Nov 2005 - Nov 2007

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, NHDOJ Training for Assistant County Attorneys: "Trial Techniques," January-August 2017
- Presenter, N.H. Bar Association CLE: "Strategies for Effective Oral Argument," April 8, 2015
- Presenter, NHDOJ Homicide CLE: "Closing Argument: Operating in the Gray Zone," August 2014
- Presenter, N.H. Bar Association CLE: "Legal Analysis in Motions Practice," March 27, 2014
- Presenter, NHPD New Lawyer Training, August 2005, 2006, & 2010; March 2011 & 2012
- Presenter, NHACDL CLE: Litigation Tips from Recent Supreme Court Decisions, December 2011
- Presenter, NHPD CLE: "Recurring Themes in AFSA Cases—Transcript-Based Training," May 2011
- Panel presenter, NHPD CLE: Annual Appellate Defender Update, May 2010; Sept. 2010; May 2011

SELECTED CIVIC & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

- *We The People* judge, January 2014 & 2015
- Planning Board member (three-year elected position), Town of Deerfield, March 2011-March 2014
- Lecturer, Merrimack Valley Middle School Eighth Grade Class, March 2011
- *Law Day: A Lawyer And Judge in Every School* – Pine Haven Boys Center, May 2010
- Town of Deerfield Conservation Commission volunteer, June 2008 - August 2009