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December 4, 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 Rachel C. Harrington, Position #9U636 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26100000-013-500132), as an Attorney at a salary level of \$76,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or December 20, 2019, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

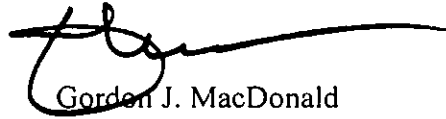
Ms. Harrington is a resident of Pembroke and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 2003. Ms. Harrington was a sexual assault and domestic violence prosecutor for the Merrimack County Attorney's Office from 2003 through 2016. She has experience as a prosecuting attorney at both the Superior Court and Circuit Court levels handling felony and misdemeanor offenses. In view of Ms. Harrington's experience, I am requesting she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$76,000. She will be assigned to the Cold Case Unit in the Criminal Bureau. A copy of her 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.

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I am very pleased to offer Ms. Harrington'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 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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RACHEL C. HARRINGTON

EXPERIENCE

Career sabbatical to care for children December 2016 – present
Wrote article for NH Bar News on potential legislation to eliminate statute of limitations in sexual assault cases.

Merrimack County Attorney's Office, Concord, NH September 2003 – December 2016
Assistant County Attorney: Prosecuted sexual assault and domestic violence cases as part of a general caseload of felony and misdemeanor offenses for towns in Merrimack County. Acted as lead or co-counsel on numerous jury trials and bench trials and appeared in Superior and Circuit Courts regularly. Interviewed witnesses in conjunction with investigators and advocates for purposes of charging decisions and trial preparation.

Intern: March – May 2003
Assisted attorneys with research and writing. Appeared in court under supervision pursuant to NH Rule 36.

Honorable Paul J. Barbadoro September – November 2002
U.S. District Court for District of New Hampshire, Concord, NH
Judicial Intern: Wrote bench memorandum on motion to suppress evidence from a search warrant. Drafted order on motion for summary judgment on a writ of habeas corpus. Researched various issues to assist judge.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Boston, MA March – May 2002
Intern: Assisted attorneys in the Office of Environmental Stewardship of the New England Regional Office. Wrote internal memoranda on arranger liability under CERCLA and on the enforcement of restrictive covenants. Researched various issues relating to the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and Superfund legislation. Assisted with drafting of letter to potentially responsible parties regarding Superfund settlements.

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Boston, MA September – November 2001
Intern: Assisted attorneys working in the Special Investigations and Narcotics Division of the Criminal Bureau. Drafted summary judgment memorandum for forfeiture case and other motions. Researched various issues concerning the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure, prosecution of drug charges, and obtaining warrants for wiretaps and electronic surveillance. Assisted with drafting a proposal for a revised state wiretap statute.

Chappell White LLP, Boston, MA December 1999 – June 2000
Administrative Assistant: Provided support to attorneys in small, general practice firm.

United Nations, New York, NY September – December 1998, March – July 1999
Assistant Conference Officer: Coordinated and monitored services for meetings of the General Assembly and its committees during the 53rd session. Assigned to the committee responsible for reviewing international legal issues. Provided assistance to members of the Office of Legal Affairs, as well as interpreters and delegates.

EDUCATION

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA – J.D. 2003
Teaching Assistant: Selected to instruct first-year students in legal research and writing (Winter 2002).
Research Assistant: Conducted research on retaliatory discharge of employees for mandatory first-year legal practice course (Summer 2002).
Activities: Served as mentor for teenage girl in foster care through the Youth Advocacy Caucus Mentoring Program (2001 – 2002). Assisted with organizing student mentor placements (Summer 2001).

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH – B.A. in Political Science, Minors in Spanish and Justice Studies, Summa Cum Laude, 1998.

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Presidential Scholar (1994-98).

Study Abroad: Completed courses taught in Spanish, University of Granada, Spain (Spring 1997).