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April 30, 2020

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 Weston R. Sager, Position #9U056 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$70,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or May 22, 2020, whichever is later.

**EXPLANATION**

Mr. Sager, a Weare resident, graduated *summa cum laude* from Dartmouth College in 2009, earning a bachelor's degree in Arabic Language and Literature. He spent the following year as a Fulbright Research Scholar in Fes and Rabat, Morocco, researching Moroccan independent Arabic newspapers. He earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Northwestern University School of Law in 2015. As a law student, he participated in a clinical program at the Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth, competed on the National Appellate Moot Court Team, and won best speaker in the Julius H. Miner Moot Court competition. Mr. Sager first practiced law as an associate at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, in New York, New York, from 2015 to 2017. He returned to New Hampshire and practiced with Gallagher, Callahan and Gartrell, P.C., from 2017 to 2020. He is a member in good standing of both the New York and New Hampshire Bars. In light of Mr. Sager's experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$70,000. He will be assigned to the Appeals Unit. A copy of his resume is attached.

RSA 94:1-a(1)(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 Mr. Sager's appointment as an Attorney at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon J. MacDonald  
Attorney General

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# Weston Robert Sager

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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**Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.C.**, Concord, NH

Associate, August 2017–April 2020

- Multi-faceted practice with an emphasis on municipal litigation defense and regulatory work

**Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP**, New York, NY

Associate, October 2015–May 2017; Summer Associate, May 2014–August 2014

- Assisted with cross-border mergers and acquisitions for publicly and privately held companies in the technology, pharmaceutical, banking, hospitality, and manufacturing industries

**Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern University School of Law**, Chicago, IL

Intensive Clinic Student (Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth), January 2015–May 2015

- Developed legal frameworks for and authored argument sections of successful post-conviction petitions for two indigent clients convicted of murder and other serious crimes as teenagers

**United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois**, Chicago, IL

Judicial Extern for Magistrate Judge Sidney Schenkier, September 2013–December 2013

**New Hampshire Supreme Court**, Concord, NH

Judicial Extern for Justice Robert Lynn, May 2013–August 2013

**Fulbright Scholarship Program**, Fes & Rabat, Morocco

Research Scholar, September 2009–June 2010

- Presented research paper on Moroccan independent Arabic newspapers to the Moroccan Fulbright Commission after reviewing over 1,500 Arabic newspaper articles contained in the Moroccan National Archive

## EDUCATION

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**Northwestern University School of Law**, Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor, cum laude, June 2015

- Awards: David C. & Sarajeun Ruttenberg Scholarship (2012–2015); Dean's List (1L fall, spring, and summer terms; 2L fall and spring terms; 3L fall and spring terms); Public Service Star (2015)
- Activities: *Northwestern University Law Review* (Executive Editor, 2014–2015; Staff Member, 2013–2014); National Appellate Moot Court Team (NAAC Regional Champion: San Francisco, 2015); Julius H. Miner Moot Court (semifinalist, three-time best speaker, 2014); Entrepreneurship Law Center Student Group (2012–2014)

**Dartmouth College**, Hanover, NH

A.B. in Arabic Language and Literature with Honors. History minor, summa cum laude, June 2009

- Awards: Phi Beta Kappa (top 5% of graduating class, 2009); Pray Prize for Excellence in Arabic (one of the top two Arabic students in the graduating class, 2009); James O. Freedman Presidential Scholar (research assistantship to Prof. Jonathan Smolin, 2007–2008); Citation in Arabic 22 (first in class on a study abroad program in Fes, Morocco, 2006)

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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Article, *Unmasking Uncle Sam: A Legal Test for Identifying State Media*, 11 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. \_\_ (co-authored with Prof. Jennifer Grygiel) (forthcoming).

Paper, *Star-Spangled Banner Ads: U.S. State-Funded Media in the Social Media Age* (2019) (co-authored with Prof. Jennifer Grygiel) (presented in May 2019 at the International Communication Association annual conference in Washington, D.C.; Top Paper Award for Communication Law & Policy Division).

Article, *Special Judicial Protections for Municipal Officials: Official and Qualified Immunity*, N.H. TOWN & CITY, May/June 2018 (co-authored with Matthew Burrows, Esq.).

Note, *Apple Pie Propaganda? The Smith–Mundt Act Before and After the 2013 Repeal of the Domestic Dissemination Ban*, 109 NW. U. L. REV. 511 (2015).