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December 6, 2017

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 Elizabeth A. Lahey (Position #9U604, Appropriation #02-20-200510-2610-013-500132) to a position where she will remain as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary of \$70,980 effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Lahey is a resident of Concord and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She received her law degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2010 and her undergraduate degree from Kent State University in Ohio. She was an associate attorney at McLane, Graf, Raulerson and Middleton from 2010 until she joined this office in March of 2014. Ms. Lahey was appointed an Assistant Attorney General in December of 2014. She is in an attorney position budgeted within the Medicaid Fraud Unit and is transferring to position #9U604 within the Criminal Bureau where her current salary of \$70,980 will remain the same. A copy of her resume is attached.

I am proud to offer Ms. Lahey for reappointment and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon J. MacDonald Attorney General

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ELIZABETH A. LAHEY

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Justice, Concord, NH

March 2014-present

Assistant Attorney General – Represent the State in business, personal injury, constitutional, employment, and civil rights litigation before state and federal courts and agencies

- Serve as lead counsel on variety of complex civil matters
- Manage all aspects of litigation, including development of legal strategy, dispositive motions, complex discovery, and expert witnesses
- Work strategically to resolve legal disputes through mediation and negotiation
- Conduct evidentiary hearings and bench trials as first and second chair
- Successfully tried two-week bench trial involving vendor-challenge to state procurement process related to long-term liquor warehousing contract
- Briefed and argued five cases at the New Hampshire Supreme Court, as well as briefed and argued a constitutional standing case in United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire and United States First Circuit Court of Appeals
- Investigate allegations of Medicaid provider fraud and patient abuse

McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, PA, Manchester, NH

Associate – Represented diverse individual and business clients in business, employment, personal injury, and immigration matters before state and federal courts and agencies, including the New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights

- Drafted pleadings, discovery requests, discovery responses, substantive motions, mediation statements, and settlement agreements
- Appeared in federal and state courts for hearings, conferences, and oral argument
- Tried week-long jury trial and drafted victorious JNOV motion to overturn \$1 million verdict
- Drafted two victorious briefs in the New Hampshire Supreme Court and one in First Circuit Court of Appeals
- Investigated allegations of discrimination and harassment in the workplace and prepared culminating reports outlining findings
- Drafted and revised employment handbooks, including policies related to discrimination, sexual harassment, and progressive discipline, and trained employees regarding the same.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- Nat'l Attorneys General Training and Research Institute, Trial Advocacy Training, June 2017
- Chair, N.H. Bar Association, New Lawyers Committee, January 2010-June 2016
- Executive Committee Member, Manchester Bar Association, September 2010-June 2016
- New Hampshire Association for Justice, Trial Skills Academy, January 2013-April 2013
- N.H. Bar Strategic Planning Steering Committee, 2013-2014
- Member, Bench and Bar Cooperation Committee, 2014-2015
- New Hampshire Bar Association
- United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire
- United States First Circuit Court of Appeals

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Advisory Committee Member, Manchester YMCA, January 2013-March 2014
- Advisory Committee Member, Goffstown YMCA, January 2010-January 2013
- Coach, Seacoast United Field Hockey Club, December 2009-May 2013

PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, New Hampshire DOJ Civil Bureau, State Habeas Corpus Litigation, February 2016
- Presenter, Seacoast and Manchester Employment Law Updates, Repeal of DOMA and Changes to Employee Benefits, 2014

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law

J.D., 2010

Cum Laude, 3.52/4.0 (Top 15%) Honors:

Orr & Reno Public Interest Fellow

Pierce Law Student Note Symposium Finalist

Pierce Law Review, Senior Articles Editor Activities:

Teaching Assistant, Legal Writing Consumer and Commercial Law Clinic

Kent State University

B.A., English, 2007

Honors: Summa Cum Laude, GPA: 3.91/4.0 (Top 5%)

Honors College

Lou Holtz Scholarship, high GPA for freshman varsity athlete

Division I Field Hockey Activities: