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April 16, 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 grant a salary increase to Brandon H. Garod, Assistant Attorney General Position #9U608 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2611-059-500117) from a current salary of \$69,756.75 to a salary level of \$83,000 effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or May 10, 2019, whichever is the latter.

EXPLANATION

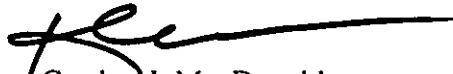
Mr. Garod is a resident of Dover, New Hampshire and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. He received his law degree from the University of Maine School of Law in 2012 with an undergraduate degree from Keene State College in 2009. Before joining this office, Mr. Garod served as an Assistant County Attorney in Rockingham and Carroll Counties. In 2016, he joined the Department of Justice as an Attorney in the Consumer Protection Bureau. Mr. Garod was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in June 2017. For more than two years, he has led the Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation Unit. Given his experience and dedication, upon approval, I plan to designate Attorney Garod as a Senior Assistant Attorney General and the Bureau Chief for the Consumer Protection Bureau. In light of his increased responsibilities, I am requesting that his salary increase by \$13,243.25 from \$69,756.75 to \$83,000. A copy of Mr. Garod's resume is attached.

2 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 respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this requested salary increase. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney General

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BRANDON H. GAROD

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of New Hampshire, 2012
- Federal District Court: New Hampshire, 2012

EDUCATION

University of Maine School of Law, Portland, Maine
Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 2012

- Class Rank: Top Quarter
- Member, Moot Court Board

Keene State College, Keene, New Hampshire
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, 2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General, Concord, New Hampshire
Assistant Attorney General, July 2016-present

- Developed and managed a new unit at the Department of Justice dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of the most serious cases of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation.
- Obtained guilty verdicts in multiple high profile jury trials.
- Provided community outreach to thousands of senior citizens through presentations at assisted living facilities, senior centers, and libraries throughout New Hampshire.
- Conducted trainings throughout the state for professionals who work with the elderly population. Trainings were provided to law enforcement, bankers, social workers and in-home care providers.
- Briefed and argued one case before the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Rockingham County Attorney's Office, Brentwood, New Hampshire
Assistant County Attorney, September 2014-July 2016

- Managed a felony caseload of approximately 100 cases at a time. Perform all aspects of case management including presenting cases to grand jury, negotiating plea resolutions and conducting all associated hearings and jury trials.
- Conducted extensive legal research and prepare pleadings in connection with trial and other evidentiary hearings.
- Evaluated sexual assault and other serious felony cases to determine whether additional evidence is required. Work closely with law enforcement and investigators to effectively build stronger cases.
- Developed trial strategies using independent research and thought. Advise law enforcement officers and victims regarding strengths and weaknesses of cases.

Carroll County Attorney's Office, Ossipee, New Hampshire
Assistant County Attorney, January 2013-September 2014

- Managed a felony caseload of approximately 80 cases at a time. Performed all aspects of case management.
- Successfully first chaired numerous jury trials to guilty verdicts.