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July 13, 2018

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to reappoint Laura E. Lombardi (position #9U048, appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2620-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$91,737.50. Ms. Lombardi will be occupying a position for a five-year term, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval through July 31, 2023.

EXPLANATION

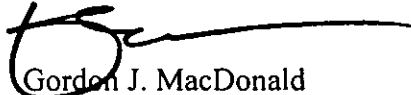
Ms. Lombardi is a resident of Concord and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She is a 1997 graduate of the University of Maine, School of Law and received a B.A. from Bates College in 1994. She was a Law Clerk for the New Hampshire Superior Court and the Maine Supreme Judicial Court prior to joining the New Hampshire Department of Justice, Civil Bureau in August 2001. Ms. Lombardi began her career with the Department on August 30, 2001, working in both the Civil and Criminal Bureaus as an appellate attorney. She was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in August of 2002, and promoted to the position of Chief of the Civil Appellate Unit in 2014. Her salary of \$91,737.50 will remain the same. 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. Lombardi'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,



Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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Laura E.B. Lombardi

SUMMARY

Critical thinking, strategic oriented attorney focused on appellate advocacy with significant senior level appellate, trial, and client counseling experience and demonstrated success in legal research, writing, and editing.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Briefed and argued over 40 cases, both civil and criminal, in the New Hampshire Supreme Court
- Briefed and argued 3 cases in the First Circuit Court of Appeals
- Co-wrote brief to the United States Supreme Court in *Ayotte v. Planned Parenthood*
- Litigated cases dealing with significant state interests including school funding, statewide property tax, Medicaid Enhancement Tax, hospital rate litigation and other Medicaid-related litigation, and constitutional challenges to various state statutes
- Conducted three jury trials (two in state court, one in federal district court)
- Attended NAAG conferences relating to appellate advocacy, including State Solicitors General and Appellant Chiefs Conference for the last three years, and conferences for United States Supreme Court Advocacy and Appellate Advocacy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Attorney General, State of New Hampshire – 2001 to present

Civil Appellate Chief – 2014 to present

- Review and edit all civil filings in the New Hampshire Supreme Court, First Circuit Court of Appeals, and United States Supreme Court
- Brief and argue civil cases to the New Hampshire Supreme Court
- Review cases that have been decided against the state and make recommendations on whether to appeal
- File amicus briefs in cases in which the state has a significant interest
- Review amicus briefs authored by other states for filing in the United States Supreme Court and federal courts of appeal and make recommendations on whether to join
- Track and assign all civil bureau appeals

Civil Litigator – 2001 to present

- Engage in all aspects of litigating civil cases varying from constitutional challenges, inmate litigation, tort cases, employment litigation, RSA 91-A litigation
- Conduct depositions, motion hearings, evidentiary hearings, and bench trials

Criminal Appeals – 2001-2003

- Briefed and argued criminal cases in the New Hampshire Supreme Court

Other Employment

Maine Supreme Judicial Court – 2000-2001

- Law clerk for Justice Rudman and Justice Calkins

New Hampshire Superior Court – 1997-2000

- First law clerk to be requested by the superior court to extend clerkship for a third year in recognition of superb analytical skills and writing abilities by Judge Mohl, chair of the superior court law clerk committee

Legal Internships

- Smith Elliott Smith & Garney, P.A., Portland, Maine – summer 1996
- Hancock County District Attorney's Office, Ellsworth, Maine – summer 1995
- Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Bangor, Maine – summer 1995

EDUCATION

University of Maine School of Law, Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude* (1997)

- *Maine Law Review*
- Received First Honors at University of Buckingham, England (spring semester 1996)
- Recipient: **Justice Abraham M. Rudman Scholarship*, 1995

Bates College, Bachelor of Arts, English with creative writing concentration, *Cum Laude* (1994)

- Captain of women's squash team (1994)
- Recipient:
 - * *Henry W. and Raymond S. Oakes Fellowship Fund* (Pursuing Legal Career) 1994
 - * *Alice Jane Dinsmore Wandke Award* (Creative Writing) 1992
 - * *Bates College President's Prize* (Academic Achievement) 1992

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTERESTS

Ran a 50 mile ultramarathon; climbed all 48 of New Hampshire's 4000 foot mountains; enjoy mountain biking, skiing, and an array of other activities with my husband, daughter and son.