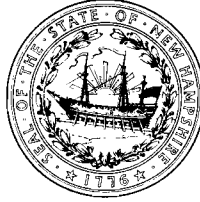


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March 6, 2013

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be, and it hereby is, given to the Attorney General to appoint Laurel A. O'Connor (position #9U565, appropriation 02-20-20-200510-2611-500-132), to an Assistant Attorney General at a salary of \$61,000, effective the date of Governor and Council approval through March 20, 2018.

EXPLANATION

Ms. O'Connor is a resident of Derry, New Hampshire and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She earned her law degree from Suffolk University Law School in 1994. Ms. O'Connor served as a contract attorney with the Office's Administrative Prosecutions Unit from 2009 to 2011. On July 5, 2011, Ms. O'Connor joined the Department of Justice as an Attorney in the Administrative Prosecutions Unit which is housed in the Consumer Protection Bureau. Ms. O'Connor will remain in her position in the Administrative Prosecutions Unit.

Based on her experience and performance, I am requesting that Ms. O'Connor be appointed as an Assistant Attorney General for a term of five years. Ms. O'Connor's salary as an Assistant Attorney General will be \$61,000.

2001 Laws of NH Chapter 258, amended RSA 94:1-a(I)(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 approve of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

I am very pleased to offer for your approval the appointment of Ms. O'Connor to an Assistant Attorney General at the above salary and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Delaney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael A. Delaney
Attorney General

MAD/p
Enc.

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LAUREL ANN O'CONNOR

EDUCATION

1990 - 1994 Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts

JD Degree

- Graduated *Cum Laude*
- Member *Alpha Sigma Lambda*

1986 - 1990 Granite State College

Bachelor of Professional Studies

- Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009 – Present Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General

Attorney with Administrative Prosecutions Unit of the Consumer Protection Bureau

- Investigate and prosecute cases for the New Hampshire Board of Nursing, the Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics and the Board of Veterinary Medicine

2009 – 2010 Legal Advice and Referral Center

Staff Attorney

- Provided telephone counsel and advice to low-income clients in the areas of Family Law, Domestic Violence, Housing, Public Benefits and Unemployment.

1998 – 2008 New Hampshire Legal Assistance, Manchester, NH

Staff Attorney, Director Senior Citizens Law Project

- Represented low-income and elderly clients in the areas of Medicare, Medicaid, Nursing Home Discharges, Housing, Domestic Violence, Consumer Protection, Public Benefits, and Unemployment
- Provided advice, brief services, and referrals for the Senior Citizens Law Project's Senior Advice Line
- Coordinated training programs for attorneys and paralegals on wide variety of programs including Public Benefits, Domestic Violence, Medicare and Housing
- Prepared and conducted extensive public speaking and community education on wide variety of topics including Elder Law, Housing, and Public Benefits
- Directed Senior Citizen's Law Project including case review, staff supervision, and grant oversight

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| 1994 - 1998 | <p>Michael Professional Association, Merrimack, NH</p> <p><i>Attorney</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Represented clients on a wide range of matters with a focus on Elder Law and Probate and Estate Administration ▪ Performed title searches |
| Fall 1993 | <p>New Hampshire Legal Assistance</p> <p><i>Legal Intern</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performed client interviews, case investigation, and legal research on a wide range of legal issues related to senior citizens |
| Summer 1993 | <p>Merrimack Valley Legal Services</p> <p><i>Legal Intern</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Represented clients in family law matters with a focus on obtaining protective orders for victims of domestic violence |

BAR ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court Bar, May 2004

Admitted to Massachusetts Bar, December 1994

Admitted to New Hampshire Bar, May 1994

Member of New Hampshire Bar Association

Member of Massachusetts Bar Association

Member of Elder Law Section of New Hampshire Bar Association

Former Member National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

Former Member Advisory Board of Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman, NH

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST