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July 22, 2014

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 hereby is given to the Attorney General to appoint John J. Kennedy (Position #9U287, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of $63,500. Mr. Kennedy will be occupying a position with a term effective August 31, 2014, to August 31, 2019.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Kennedy is a resident of Bedford and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. He received his law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 2009. He served as a New Hampshire Supreme Court Judicial Clerk from 2010 to 2011, and was a Litigation Associate with the McLane, Graf, Raulerson and Middleton law firm from 2011 to 2013. He also served as a Fellow with the Attorney General's Office from 2009-2010 and as an intern during the summer of 2008. Mr. Kennedy was hired by the Attorney General's Office as an Attorney in the Criminal Bureau in 2013. In view of Mr. Kennedy's experience and performance, I am requesting he be appointed as an Assistant Attorney General and that his current salary of $60,500 be increased to his new salary of $63,500. A copy of his resume is attached. I plan to continue Mr. Kennedy's assignment to the Criminal Bureau.

2001 Laws of NH Chapter 258, amended 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 approve of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Kennedy's appointment as an Assistant Attorney General at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Foster
Attorney General

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JOHN J. KENNEDY

EXPERIENCE

NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL — *Concord, NH*
Criminal Bureau – Attorney — AUGUST 2013 - PRESENT

- Research, draft and argue appellate briefs before the Supreme Court on a variety of criminal law issues
- Successfully prosecuted a defendant who threatened to kill a sitting District Court Judge
- Experience in homicide investigations, pre-trial motions and discovery, as well as grand jury investigation and presentment

MCLANE, GRAF, RAULERSON & MIDDLETON, P.A. — *Manchester, NH*
Litigation Associate — NOVEMBER 2011 – AUGUST 2013

- Litigate commercial, personal injury, probate, employment, worker's compensation, and family law cases in state and federal courts, and state departments and agencies
- Prepared for and defended numerous depositions
- Drafted victorious motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, and motions in limine
- Argued various motions in state and federal court
- Successfully mediated personal injury case
- Manage all aspects of discovery including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production, and requests for admissions
- Experience with electronic discovery and trial management software

NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT — *Concord, NH*
Judicial Clerk to Justice James E. Duggan — JULY 2010 – AUGUST 2011

- Researched, drafted, and edited opinions for the Judge following oral argument

NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL — *Concord, NH*
Criminal Bureau – Notre Dame Public Interest Fellow — SEPTEMBER 2009 – AUGUST 2010
Criminal Bureau – Legal Intern — SUMMER 2008

- Researched and drafted appellate briefs as well as motions on a variety of issues in numerous criminal cases
- Worked on a trial team to help successfully prosecute a first-degree murder case
- Worked on a daily basis with the trial team prosecuting a high profile, doubt murder/insanity trial
- Researched legal issues, drafted memoranda and motions, and assisted in various pre-trial and trial duties

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL — *Notre Dame, IN*
Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude* — MAY 2009
GPA: 3.617/4.000
Dean's List
Journal of Legislation, Executive Editor
American Constitution Society, President

BOSTON COLLEGE — *Chestnut Hill, MA*
Bachelor of Arts, History and Communications — MAY 2005
GPA: 3.316/4.000
Division I Cross Country Team
Division I Track and Field Team
2003 Most Improved Team Member Award – Cross Country

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Hampshire Supreme Court	November 3, 2009
United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire	November 3, 2009
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court	December 2, 2009

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- New Hampshire Bar Association
- Manchester Bar Association