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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 reappoint Rosemary Wiant (Position #9U224, Account #02-20-20-201010-2620-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of $69,250. Ms. Wiant will be occupying a position with a five year term effective August 31, 2014 to August 31, 2019.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Wiant is a resident of Hopkinton and is a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She received her law degree from the Franklin Pierce Law Center in 2003 and was a Staff Attorney at the Disabilities Rights Center when she joined this Office's Civil Bureau in 2007. Ms. Wiant was commissioned as an Assistant Attorney General by Governor and Council in October 2008, and again in August 2009. This reappointment would give her another five-year term. Her current salary of $69,250 will remain the same.

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.

I am very pleased to offer Ms. Wiant'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,

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ROSEMARY WIANT

EDUCATION:

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH — Juris Doctor, May 2003
(formerly Franklin Pierce Law Center)
Merit Scholarship

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV — M.A. Economics, 1988
Arlen G. and Louise Stone Swiger Doctoral Teaching Fellowship
Graduate Teaching Assistant in Economics, Statistics, and Finance

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV — B.A. Economics and Spanish, 1986
Graduated cum laude
Economic Club of Pittsburgh Scholastic Achievement Award
Professor and Mrs. Enoch Howard Vickers Award
Diploma of Commercial Spanish (issued by the Official Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Madrid)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Attorney General, NH Department of Justice, Concord, NH — October 2007 – present

- Provide legal counsel and representation to state executive agencies including the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Agriculture, Department of Cultural Resources and the NH Lottery Commission
- Provide legal counsel to professional licensing boards, including the Board of Nursing, the Veterinary Medicine Board, and the Guardian ad Litem Board
- Represent the State before administrative law tribunals, including the Personnel Appeals Board and the Public Employee Labor Relations Board in personnel and labor relations matters
    - Represented the state on approximately 120 employee appeals of 2009 layoff decisions
- Write appellate briefs and present oral argument before the NH Supreme Court for civil and criminal appeals (handled approximately 25 appeals to date)
- Research and write opinions using state and federal statutes, administrative regulations, and case law to answer client questions and provide guidance
- Review and approve contracts, grants, leases and other agreements for state executive agencies
- Assist clients with responding to right-to-know requests
- Assist licensing boards and commissions with conducting all phases of adjudicative hearings, including drafting final decisions and orders
- Prepare and provide presentations and training seminars for the Department of Justice annual Administrative Law training for professional licensing boards and adjudicative agencies
- Serve on Department of Justice Ethics Committee

Staff Attorney, Disabilities Rights Center, Concord, NH — August 2003 – October 2007

- Represented private clients in cases involving the rights of persons with disabilities, including issues of employment discrimination, reasonable accommodation, fair housing, eligibility for public mental health services, social security benefits, and special education
- Provided oral and written testimony to state agencies and legislative committees regarding new legislation and changes to administrative rules, including areas such as employment of persons with disabilities, eligibility and rights of persons who receive services in the State community mental health system, and regulation of state-contracted peer support agencies
- Co-counsel for a class action lawsuit involving the provision of community-based care to persons with acquired brain disorder
    - Responsible for funding and budgetary issues within the case
- Court-appointed guardian ad litem in juvenile matters where educational or mental health issues were of concern
- Supervised and mentored new attorneys and interns

Policy Researcher, Disabilities Rights Center, Concord, NH — **January 2003 - April 2003**

- Researched and collected data on special education assessments across the U.S.

Research Consultant, Fair Housing Project - NH Legal Assistance, Manchester, NH — **January 2003 - November 2003**

- Researched and gathered data for the *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, 2004 Update*

Law Clerk, NH Legal Assistance, Manchester, NH — **May 2002 - August 2002**

- Participated in cases involving unemployment compensation, landlord-tenant disputes, public housing, domestic violence, social security, and elderly issues

Law Clerk, Disabilities Rights Center, Concord, NH — **May 2001 - December 2001**

- Interviewed clients, researched legal issues, and assisted with litigation on issues involving health insurance coverage, mental health services, and service animal accommodations

Assistant Professor of Economics - Adjunct, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN — **1995 - 2000**

- Taught Principles of Economics, designed to develop student understanding of the micro, macro, and international trade disciplines

Financial Consultant, JJB Hilliard, WL Lyons, Inc., Evansville, IN — **1995 - 1998**

- Researched, prepared, and implemented investment and portfolio management strategies based on client needs and goals
- Developed successful "Women & Investing" seminar program, which increased client base

Additional previous employment as Marketing Director, Advertising Account Executive, Client Service Account Manager, and Client Service Representative between 1989 and 2000.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS:

Active member of the New Hampshire Bar — 2003 - present

Co-Chair of Eliminating Disparities Workgroup, NH Commission to Develop a Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan — 2006 - 2007

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- UNH Therapeutic Riding Program — 2011 -present
- Workgroup of Task Force Against Racism and Intolerance, Concord, NH — 2005 - 2006
- Dress for Success, Concord, NH — 2001 - 2003
- Co-Chair, Public Interest Coalition, Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH — 2001 - 2002
- Co-Chair, 9th and 10th Annual Public Interest Auction, Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH — 2001 - 2002
- Leadership Evansville (Indiana) — 1997 - 1998
- German Township Fire Department, Evansville, IN
  - EMS First Responder and Firefighter — 1993 - 1996
  - Vice President, Board of Directors — 1995

LANGUAGES:

- Fluent written and spoken Spanish