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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 Karen A. Schlitzer (position #9U053, appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2623-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General in the Transportation and Construction Bureau at a salary level of $82,000 effective August 31, 2014, to August 31, 2019. 100% transfer from another agency (Highway Funds).

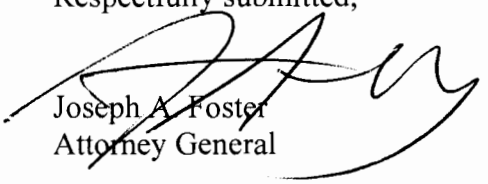
EXPLANATION

Ms. Schlitzer is a resident of Hopkinton and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She is a 2001 graduate of Suffolk University Law School and also holds a Masters of Science degree in justice, law, and society from American University. She was a Student Intern for the Attorney General's Office in Boston and United States Attorney's Office in Boston prior to joining the Attorney General's Office in 2001. Ms. Schlitzer was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in February of 2004 and was reappointed in 2007. In 2011, Ms. Schlitzer was appointed Bureau Chief of our Transportation Bureau of the office and was promoted to a Senior Assistant Attorney General fulfilling a term effective to August 31, 2014. This reappointment will give her another five year term. Her current salary of $82,000 and her position as Bureau Chief of our Transportation Bureau will remain the same.

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 pleased to offer Ms. Schlitzer for your approval of her reappointment and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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KAREN A. SCHLITZER

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Office of the Attorney General, Concord, New Hampshire

Bureau Chief, Transportation & Construction Bureau — Dec. 2011 - Present
Senior Assistant Attorney General

- Oversee all activities in Transportation & Construction Bureau
- Supervise four attorneys and support staff
- Directly represent the Department of Transportation, Department of Safety, and the Bureau of Public Works in high profile or high exposure matters
- Have primary responsibility for all personnel issues within the Bureau

Assistant Attorney General, Civil Bureau — Sept. 2001 - Present

- Represented the State in all phases of civil litigation, including trial and appeal, including cases involving up to $3 million, and involving Fortune 500 companies
- Mentored other attorneys in civil litigation matters
- Regularly briefed and argued cases before the New Hampshire Supreme Court
- Served as lead counsel in successfully opposing Petition for a Writ of Certiorari before the United States Supreme Court in tax case

Publication/Award:

- Authored A Practical Guide to Evidence in New Hampshire, Ch. 3 ("Evidentiary Exclusions and Limitations"), MCLE, June 2, 2010, and 2012 Supplement
- Fire Service Award of Excellence, given by the New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission, November 2011

EDUCATION:

Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts — J.D. 2001
Honors: 1999 First Year Best Brief Award
Suffolk University Law School Jurisprudence Award

American University, Washington, D.C. — M.S. 1998
Concentration: Justice, Law & Society
Honors: Alpha Phi Sigma (National Criminal Justice Honors Society)

- Worked nearly full-time to assist in financing education

University of Rochester, Rochester, New York — B.A. 1996
Major: Legal Studies
Honors: Dean's List

- Worked part-time to assist in financing education