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July 30, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
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 Stephanie J. Johnson as an Attorney (Position #9U583, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2615-013-500132) at a salary level of \$73,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or August 30, 2019, whichever is the latter.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Johnson is a resident of Lee, NH and a member of the New Hampshire Bar, the United States District Court, District of New Hampshire Bar and the Minnesota State Bar. She received her law degree from the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota in May 2006, and her undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut in May 2003. While in Minnesota, Ms. Johnson was a certified student attorney in the juvenile division for the Washington County Attorney's Office from March 2005 to May 2006 and a contract attorney for McGraw Law Firm from January to July 2007. From October 2007 to June 2014 she was an Assistant Rockingham County Attorney and from June 2014 to October 2015, she was an Assistant Hillsborough County Attorney. Ms. Johnson returned to being an Assistant Rockingham County Attorney in October 2015. In light of Ms. Johnson's experience, I am requesting she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary level of \$73,000. She will be assigned to the Medicaid Fraud Unit. A copy of her resume is attached.

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 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. Johnson's appointment as an Attorney at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

#2459340

McGraw Law Firm, P.A., Oakdale, MN

January 2007 - July 2007

Contract Attorney

Worked directly with solo practitioner on a variety of legal matters in the areas of criminal law, family law, and personal injury.

- Represented clients in district courts at initial appearances on a variety of criminal matters, ranging from felonies to traffic violations and DWI.
- Drafted motions, supporting memoranda, proposed orders, and accompanying affidavits on behalf of family law clients.

Washington County Attorney's Office, Stillwater, MN

March 2005 - May 2006

Certified Student Attorney, Juvenile Division

Worked directly with Juvenile prosecutors on delinquency and child protection matters.

- Drafted three termination of parental rights and four juvenile delinquency appellate briefs dealing with such issues as relationship between methamphetamine use and custody, fifth degree criminal sexual conduct, possession of weapons on school grounds, and the constitutionality of obtaining pre-conviction DNA samples.
- Represented the State of Minnesota in juvenile court for petty to felony offenses three to four times per week in the traffic, disposition, and truancy calendars.
- Reviewed police reports and made charging recommendations to assistant county attorneys, researched and drafted memoranda on various legal issues for assistant county attorneys in preparation for motions and court hearings.

The Holmes Group, Inc., Milford, MA

Summer 2004

Summer Associate, Legal Department

Worked directly with General Counsel & Senior Vice President and other staff attorneys of corporation's in-house legal department.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Hampshire State Bar

June 2008 - present

United States District Court - District of New Hampshire

June 2008 - present

Minnesota State Bar

October 2006 - June 2010

EDUCATION

William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN

Juris Doctor May 2006

Honors: CALI Award of Excellence in Corporate and White Collar Crime - Fall 2005

National Tax Moot Court Competition - Fall 2005 - Spring 2006

Rosalie Wahl Moot Court Competition - Fall 2004 - Spring 2005

Recognized by the Minnesota Justice Foundation for completing at least 50 hours of law-related public service.

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in Political Science - May 2003

Honors: Dean's List Spring 2002 - Spring 2003

INTERESTS

Baking, running, reading, and coaching youth sports