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May 4, 2021

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 Weston R. Sager, Position #9U056 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$73,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or June 4, 2021, whichever is later, for a term ending October 31, 2023.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Sager, a Weare resident, graduated *summa cum laude* from Dartmouth College in 2009, earning a bachelor's degree in Arabic Language and Literature. He spent the following year as a Fulbright Research Scholar in Fes and Rabat, Morocco, researching Moroccan independent Arabic newspapers. He earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Northwestern University School of Law in 2015. Mr. Sager first practiced law as an associate at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, in New York, New York, from 2015 to 2017. He returned to New Hampshire and practiced with Gallagher, Callahan and Gartrell, P.C., from 2017 to 2020. He joined the New Hampshire Department of Justice in May 2020, where he practices in the Appeals Unit. I am requesting that Mr. Sager receive a \$3,000 salary increase, from \$70,000 to \$73,000. I plan to continue his assignment in the Appeals Unit. A copy of his 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.

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu

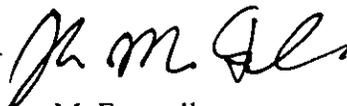
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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Sager's appointment as an Assistant Attorney General at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Formella". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "F".

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Weston Robert Sager

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Justice: Office of the Attorney General, Concord, NH
Attorney (Appeals Unit), May 2020–Present

Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.C., Concord, NH
Associate (Litigation), August 2017–April 2020

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, New York, NY
Associate (Mergers & Acquisitions), October 2015–May 2017; Summer Associate, May 2014–August 2014

Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL
Intensive Clinic Student (Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth), January 2015–May 2015

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL
Judicial Extern for Magistrate Judge Sidney Schenkier, September 2013–December 2013

New Hampshire Supreme Court, Concord, NH
Judicial Extern for Justice Robert Lynn, May 2013–August 2013

Fulbright Scholarship Program, Fes & Rabat, Morocco
Research Scholar, September 2009–June 2010

EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL
Juris Doctor, cum laude, June 2015

- Awards: David C. & Sarajeon Ruttenberg Scholarship (2012–2015); Dean's List (2012–2015); Public Service Star (2015)
- Activities: *Northwestern University Law Review* (Executive Editor, 2014–2015; Staff Member, 2013–2014); National Appellate Moot Court Team (NAAC Regional Champion: San Francisco, 2015); Julius H. Miner Moot Court (semifinalist, three-time best speaker, 2014); Entrepreneurship Law Center Student Group (2012–2014)

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

A.B. in Arabic Language and Literature with Honors, History minor, summa cum laude, June 2009

- Awards: Phi Beta Kappa (top 5% of graduating class, 2009); Pray Prize for Excellence in Arabic (one of the top two Arabic students in the graduating class, 2009); James O. Freedman Presidential Scholar (research assistantship to Prof. Jonathan Smolin, 2007–2008); Citation in Arabic 22 (first in class on a study abroad program in Fes, Morocco, 2006)

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Article, *Unmasking Uncle Sam: A Legal Test for Defining and Identifying State Media*, 11 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. 383 (2020) (co-authored with Prof. Jennifer Grygiel)

Article, *The ADA and Ad Hoc Police Encounters in the First Circuit*, N.H. BAR NEWS, June 17, 2020 (co-authored with Charles Bauer, Esq.)

Paper, *Star-Spangled Banner Ads: U.S. State-Funded Media in the Social Media Age* (2019) (co-authored with Prof. Jennifer Grygiel) (presented in May 2019 at the International Communication Association annual conference in Washington, D.C.; Top Paper Award for Communication Law & Policy Division)

Article, *Special Judicial Protections for Municipal Officials: Official and Qualified Immunity*, N.H. TOWN & CITY, May/June 2018 (co-authored with Matthew Burrows, Esq.)

Note, *Apple Pie Propaganda? The Smith–Mundt Act Before and After the 2013 Repeal of the Domestic Dissemination Ban*, 109 NW. U. L. REV. 511 (2015)