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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 Laura D. Devine to Position #9U360 (Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-26200000-013-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of $80,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or August 27, 2021, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

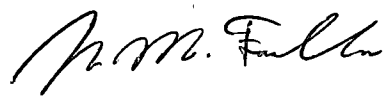
Ms. Devine, a Dover resident, is admitted to practice law in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Vermont. She graduated from Northeastern University in 2008 with her Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude,* in History and earned her Juris Doctor from Northeastern School of Law in 2011. During law school, she was a staff member on *Northeastern Law Journal,* merit scholarship recipient, and Constitutional Law teaching assistant. Ms. Devine practiced as an associate at Sannicandro Law Offices in Boston and Ashland, Massachusetts (2011-2012), Orlans Moran, PLLC, in Boston and Waltham, Massachusetts (2012-2015), and Boyle|Shaughnessy Law, PC, in Manchester (2015-2018). She was a shareholder at Boyle|Shaughnessy Law, PC, from 2019 to 2021. Ms. Devine has been a New Hampshire Bar Association *Bar News* contributor since 2014 and a Director of Special Olympics New Hampshire since 2017. She was selected as a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association's Leadership Academy Class of 2017 and has been a member of its Steering Committee ever since. In light of Ms. Devine's experience, I am requesting she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of $80,000. She will be assigned to the Division of Legal Counsel's Civil Litigation 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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LAURA D. DEVINE

Bar Admissions: Massachusetts 2011 (state & federal) ■ New Hampshire 2014 (state & federal) ■ Vermont 2015 (state & federal) ■ United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Legal Experience

Boyle | Shaughnessy Law, PC, Manchester, NH 2019-present
Shareholder: Manage cases and represent clients in courts across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Handle all aspects of civil litigation through trial, including pleadings, motions, including drafting and arguing dispositive motions, discovery, including taking and defending depositions and propounding and responding to discovery, research, analysis, and developing and executing litigation strategy. Second chair jury trials. Successfully prevailed before the Massachusetts Appeals Court on written brief.

Litigation Associate: 2015-2018
Manage cases and represent clients in courts across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Handle all aspects of civil litigation through trial, including pleadings, motions, including drafting and arguing dispositive motions, discovery, including taking and defending depositions and propounding and responding to discovery, research, analysis, and developing and executing litigation strategy. Second chair jury trials. Successfully prevailed before the Massachusetts Appeals Court on written brief.

Orlans Moran, PLLC, Boston, MA & Waltham, MA 2012-2015
Bankruptcy Attorney: Represented secured creditors in chapter 7, 11, 12, and 13 matters and adversary proceedings. Appeared in Bankruptcy Courts across Massachusetts and in New Hampshire.
Litigation Attorney: Handled all aspects of evictions from through trial and appeal, including last-minute emergency hearings, and trials. Appeared in courts across Massachusetts and New Hampshire including the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Developed strategies for litigation goals. Supervised legal assistants some of whom were off-site. Solved firm problem of discovery backlog by creating and leading the discovery team. Managed cases in paperless office using legal case management software.

Sannicandro Law Offices, Boston, MA & Ashland, MA 2011-2012
Attorney and Consultant: Appeared in probate and family courts on guardianship petitions. Drafted petitions, motions, filed documents, and communicated with clients regarding client goals, court filings, and to obtain necessary information.

Brown & Black, LLC, (Liberty Mutual Insurance Company), Boston, MA 2010 & 2011
Law Clerk: Researched and wrote memoranda and motions, including motions for summary judgment, motions to dismiss and motions *in limine.* Completed daily tasks within legal file software and reviewed paperless files.

Education

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA 2011
Juris Doctor, *No G.P.A. or class rank*
Distinctions: Northeastern Law Journal, staff member; Student Bar Association, Vice-Chair Social Activities; merit scholarship recipient. Teaching assistant for Professor Adler's first-year Constitutional Law course, selected based on exam performance.

Northeastern University, Boston, MA 2008
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude,* History; Minor: Business Administration

Civic and Community Involvement

NHBA Leadership Academy Class of 2017, Steering Committee 2017-present ■ Director, Special Olympics New Hampshire (2017- present) ■ NHBA Bar News, Contributor 2014-present ■ Charles C. Doe, Inns of Court 2014-present (Board member 2019-present) ■ DRI ■ Tri-State Defense Lawyers Association ■ Vermont Bar Association ■ Volunteer Judge, (Mock Trial Competition, UNH 2015) (Boston Debate League 2010-2014)