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January 31, 2022

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 (Position #9U360, Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-26200000-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$88,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or February 25, 2022, whichever is later, for a term ending December 6, 2025.

**EXPLANATION**

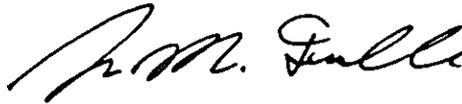
Ms. Devine, a Dover resident, is admitted to practice law in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Vermont. She graduated from Northeastern University in 2008 with her Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in History and earned her Juris Doctor from Northeastern School of Law in 2011. During law school, she 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), Orleans 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 joined the Department in 2021 and has been assigned to the Division of Legal Counsel's Civil Litigation Unit. I plan to continue her current assignment. Her salary will increase by \$8,000 from \$80,000 to \$88,000. 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. Devine'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 "J.M. Formella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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## LAURA D. DEVINE

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**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

**NH Dept. of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Civil Bureau, Concord, NH** 2021-present  
Attorney: Represent the State of New Hampshire, its agencies, state officers, trustees, officials, employees, and members of the general court who are subject to claims and civil actions arising from acts committed within the scope of their official duty while in the course of their employment for the state and not in a wanton or reckless manner, in state and federal courts. Manage cases and handle all aspects of civil litigation from pre-suit through appeals, including pleadings, motions, discovery, research, analysis, appellate briefing, mediations/negotiations, and developing and executing litigation strategy.

**Boyle | Shaughnessy Law, PC, Manchester, NH** 2019-2021  
Shareholder: Managed cases and represented clients in courts across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Handled 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. Involved in business-aspects of law firm as shareholder, including cost analysis, as well as billing and collecting, and assisted with day-to-day management of staff including interviewing, hiring, and performance reviews.

**Litigation Associate:** 2015-2018  
Managed cases and represented clients in courts across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Handled 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)