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March 9, 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 grant a salary increase to Jennifer Ramsey, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position #9U375, Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2620-013-500132), from a salary level of $97,000 to a salary level of $100,000, upon Governor and Executive Council approval or March 25, 2022, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

In accordance with the 2001 N.H. Laws Chapter 158, Section 101, and 2021 N.H. Laws Chapter 91, this request seeks your approval to grant a salary increase for Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Ramsey.

Ms. Ramsey is a Kensington resident and a member of the New Hampshire and Texas Bars. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1987, and her Juris Doctor at the University of Texas School of Law in 1991. She was as an associate attorney, and later a partner, at Minton, Burton, Foster and Collins, P.C., in Austin, Texas, from 1991 to 2002. She was a partner at Cantey and Hangar, L.L.P., from 2002 to 2006. In 2006, she co-founded Foster Ramsey, P.C., where she practiced until 2018. In addition to her legal practice, Ms. Ramsey was a Director of the Texas Legal Protection Plan from 2006 to 2011. She moved to New Hampshire in 2018 and briefly operated a solo law practice in Exeter before joining *sklawyers, pllc*, in February 2019. She came to the Department of Justice in September 2019 as a litigation attorney in the Civil Bureau and was designated a Senior Assistant Attorney General on February 9, 2022. Her salary will increase by $3,000, from $97,000 to $100,000. I will continue her assignment in the Civil Bureau. 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 respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Jennifer Ramsey

Profile

An AV-rated attorney with 28 years of wide-ranging experience, licensed in New Hampshire and Texas.

Experience

NH Department of Justice, Civil Bureau—Attorney **September 2019 – Present**
Currently an Attorney IV with the litigation unit of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office.

***sklawyers, pllc*—Attorney** **2019**
Briefly practiced with this consumer-driven, general practice firm, primarily in the areas of civil litigation, family and criminal law, and small business counsel.

Law Office of Jennifer Ramsey—Solo Practice **2018 – 2019**
Opened Exeter, New Hampshire solo office to work with business clients on litigation and related matters.

Foster •Ramsey, P.C.—Founder **2006 – 2018**
Started this firm with a focus on receivership practice, litigation and general business counsel. Matters included working as subcontractor to the Texas Department of Insurance to liquidate assets of insolvent title company for distribution to creditors and successful prosecution of claim against owner for fraud and breach of fiduciary duty; winding up business of a 40 doctor medical practice, transitioning clinical activities, leases, contacts, FF&E to doctors' resulting firms, closing business office, dissolving pension plan, collecting remaining receivables, developing and implementing record retention plan and making distributions to secured and unsecured creditors; and management and eventual sale of a low-income, tax-credit apartment complex.

Cantey & Hanger, L.L.P.—Partner **2002-2006**
Joined the Austin office of this regional, full-service Fort Worth firm. Participated in recruiting and helped to grow the office while continuing to practice in the area of civil litigation and beginning the practice of receivership law and general business representation. Matters handled here included an arbitration to determine compensation for a departing executive, several jury and non-jury trials of business disputes, divorces, asset-protection related litigation, insurance regulatory issues, entity formations, and serving as receivership counsel.

Minton, Burton, Foster & Collins, P.C.—Partner, Associate **1991-2002**
Worked with teams of experienced litigators on civil, criminal and family matters in state and federal courts. Civil cases included prosecution of a multi-million-dollar audit malpractice claim, environmental permitting disputes, defense of legal malpractice, shareholder disputes, real estate development matters, defense of various government officials, oil royalty litigation, contract disputes, patent infringement litigation, and constitutional challenges to legislation.

Education & Bar Admissions

2017 New Hampshire Courts; U.S. District Court, New Hampshire
1993 U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
1992 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
1991 Texas State Courts

Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1991
University of Texas School of Law
Bachelor of Arts, 1987
University of Texas at Austin

Affiliations

New Hampshire Bar Association
Texas Bar Association

Texas Bar Foundation Fellow
Texas Legal Protection Plan, Director, 2006-2011
Kensington School Board, 2017-2020