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April 20, 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 Andrew Yourell to Position #9U284 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2615-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$72,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or May 6, 2022, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Yourell, a Manchester resident, earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of New Hampshire in 2016; a Master's in Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire, Paul College of Business and Economics, in 2018; and a Juris Doctor from the University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law, in 2019. He was Treasurer of the law school Sports and Entertainment Law Society (2017-2019), an Advanced Trial Advocacy National Trial Competition Regional Semifinalist (2019), and recipient of the Howard J. Nedved Award for Outstanding Trial Advocacy (2019). While in law school, he also defended a jury trial as a member of the Criminal Practice Clinic. Mr. Yourell joined the Merrimack County Attorney's Office in 2020, as an Assistant County Attorney, and has tried misdemeanors, felonies, and juvenile matters in Circuit and Superior Court. In light of Mr. Yourell's experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$72,000. He will be assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau's Medicaid Fraud Control 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.

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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Yourell's appointment as an Attorney 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.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Experience

Merrimack County Attorney's Office

Assistant County Attorney

Rule 36 Intern

Concord, NH

March 2020-Present

August 2019-December 2019

- ❖ Prosecute crimes for the State of New Hampshire in several district courts and Merrimack County Superior Court, including misdemeanors, felonies, and juvenile matters (CHINS and delinquencies)
- ❖ Represent the State of New Hampshire at Administrative License Suspension hearings before the Department of Motor Vehicles
- ❖ Assist multiple police departments with trainings and investigations
- ❖ Conduct bench trials in the Hillsborough and Newport District Courts and jury trials before the Merrimack County Superior Court
- ❖ Collaborated with a team of prosecuting attorneys, support staff, victim-witness coordinators, and police

Rockingham County Attorney's Office

Rule 36 Summer Intern

Brentwood, NH

May 2019-August 2019

- ❖ Performed research to aid prosecuting attorneys with preparation and litigation in Rockingham Superior Court
- ❖ Authored a "New Attorney Handbook" for future use in training prosecutors, which was later adopted in part by the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office
- ❖ Wrote a motion that disqualified a defendant's self-defense theory and helped lead to a Class A Felony conviction for Attempted First Degree Assault and Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon

Raimo and Gallagher, P.C.

Law Clerk/Investigator

Manchester, NH

November 2018-May 2019

- ❖ Conducted investigations and interviews with key defense witnesses for use in ongoing criminal cases
- ❖ Provided several memorandums of law to aid experienced defense attorneys with pretrial strategy and litigation

New Hampshire Attorney General's Office

Criminal Bureau Intern

Concord, NH

May 2018-August 2018

- ❖ Submitted four briefs to the New Hampshire Supreme Court, all of which were successful upon appeal
- ❖ Researched issues of law to provide memorandums and motions to aid in two homicide cases, a drug case, and several Medicaid Fraud Unit cases, which resulted in convictions in one of the homicides and the Medicaid Fraud cases
- ❖ Compiled a legislative history of the New Hampshire Domestic Violence laws for use in police training

Education

University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law

Juris Doctor

Concord, NH

December 2019

Howard J. Nedved Award for Outstanding Trial Advocacy (2019)

Advanced Trial Advocacy – National Trial Competition Regional Semifinalist (2019)

Sports and Entertainment Law Society – Treasurer (2017-2019)

Conducted a criminal jury trial as a member of the UNH Criminal Practice Clinic, which resulted in not guilty verdicts on two felony-level charges

University of New Hampshire Paul College of Business and Economics

Masters in Business Administration

Durham, NH

May 2018

University of New Hampshire College of Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Security Studies

Durham, NH

May 2016

Sports Editor and Staff Writer/Photographer for The New Hampshire, UNH's student-run newspaper

Completed a Senior Capstone analytics project for the New Hampshire State Police Recruitment and Training Division