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October 5, 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 Brandon F. Chase to Position #9U678 (Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2620-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$78,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or October 21, 2022, whichever is later, for a term ending July 1, 2026.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Chase, a Franklin resident, earned his Bachelor of Science from Colby-Sawyer College in 2014, and his Juris Doctor from New England | Boston School of Law in 2018. He achieved Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout rank in 2010 and served as a Boscawen Police Officer in 2011, while still a college student. He was a member of the Criminal Law Society and a Dean's List Scholar throughout law school. Mr. Chase began his legal practice in 2018 as an Associate at the Law Offices of John B. Schulte where he litigated complex insurance defense cases. He joined the office on April 22, 2022 and was assigned to the Civil Bureau. In light of Mr. Chase's contributions and experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Assistant Attorney General. His salary will increase by \$2,130 from \$75,870 to \$78,000. I will continue his assignment in the Civil Law Bureau's Litigation 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. Chase'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 blue ink, appearing to read "J.M. Formella", written in a cursive style.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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BRANDON F. CHASE, ESQ.

BAR ADMISSION

New Hampshire, 2018; U.S. District of New Hampshire, 2018; Massachusetts, 2019

EDUCATION

New England | Boston

Boston, MA

Juris Doctor

May 2018

GPA: 3.40 Rank: 28 out of 135 (Top 20%)

Honors: Dean's List, All Semesters; New England Scholar, 2016 – 2017

Activities: Criminal Law Society, Member, 2015 – 2018; Federal Bar Assoc., Member, 2015 – 2018; IL Mentor, 2016 – 2018

Colby-Sawyer College

New London, NH

Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Sciences

May 2014

Honors: NH Charitable Foundation Merrimack County Savings Bank In Memory of D Scholarship, 2010; National Retired Troopers Assoc. Scholarship, 2010; NH Chiefs of Police Assoc. Scholarship, 2010; American Drug Free Power Lifting Assoc. Scholarship, 2012; Colby-Sawyer College Leadership and Community Service Award, 2010 – 2014; NH Police Assoc. Scholarship, 2010; Rotary Club of Concord, NH Arell Scholarship, 2010

Activities: Weightlifting Club, President and Founder, 2012 – 2014; Powerlifting, 2x World Champion, 2013, 5x National Champion, 2012; National Bench Press Record Holder, 2012 – Present; NH Powerlifting Record Holder, 2012 – Present, 4x Regional Champion, 2010 – 2012

Study Abroad: *Global Beginnings*

Strasbourg, France

Courses in Philosophy, Business, French Language, and French Culture

Fall 2010

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

State of New Hampshire Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General

Concord, NH

Attorney – Civil Bureau

April 2022 – Present

- Litigate all phases of civil litigation and execute all aspects of case development for cases brought against the state or its employees.
- Represent clients in all courtroom proceedings, including at the New Hampshire Supreme Court and federal court.
- Assist in establishing more efficient protocols for the civil bureau and provide trainings pursuantly.

Law Offices of John B. Schulte - Employees of Liberty Mutual Insurance

Bedford, NH

Field Legal - Attorney

December 2018 – April 2022

- Litigated all phases of civil litigation in state courts in multiple areas of law including labor law, products liability, worker's compensation, contracts, subrogation, auto liability, premises liability, and general liability.
- Executed all aspects of case development, including extensive depositions of parties, witnesses, and experts.
- Assisted in establishing more efficient protocols for the national legal department and provided a national training pursuantly.

Law Offices of John B. Schulte - Employees of Liberty Mutual Insurance

Bedford, NH

Law Clerk

June 2017 – December 2018

- Performed research on, analyze, and present findings on complex legal issues in insurance defense cases.
- Drafted concise, well-researched legal documents including trial briefs, supreme court briefs, memoranda and motions for New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Maine for insurance defense cases.

New England Law | Boston Clinical Law Office

Boston, MA

Student Attorney, MA SJC Rule 3:03 Certified

January 2017 – May 2017

- Litigated cases and executed all aspects of case development for issues pertaining to divorce, custody, and domestic violence
- Interviewed clients and evaluated case potential.
- Represented clients in courtroom proceedings, including restraining order hearings.

Rockingham County Superior Court

Brentwood, NH

Judicial Law Clerk Intern, New England Law | Boston Summer Fellowship

May 2016 – August 2016

- Performed research on, analyzed and presented to judges complex legal issues in civil and criminal cases.
- Drafted concise, well-researched legal documents including trial briefs, memoranda and orders for the superior court judges.
- Observed court hearings including bench and jury trials, as well as criminal and civil motions.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE

Boscawen Police Department

Boscawen, NH

Police Officer

April 2011 – December 2011

- Enforced state code in local ordinances and coordinated and assisted with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Investigated criminal activity and completed investigation and arrest reports, wrote criminal complaints, and arrest warrants.
- Participated in community policing programs.

BRANDON F. CHASE, ESQ.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Best Buy

Concord, NH

Sales Consultant, Manager on Duty

March 2014 – October 2018

- Managed and trained a team of 15 employees, assisted with customer questions and problems in a fast-paced environment.

WORK OF NOTE

Appeal of Estate of William Quinn

Daniel Ro v Factory Mutual Insurance Company, as Subrogee of Trustees of Dartmouth College

ACHIEVEMENTS

Achieved Boy Scouts of America rank of Eagle Scout, December 2010