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January 4, 2023

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 Scott D. Chase, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position #9U035, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132), from \$80,000 to \$90,000, effective upon Governor and Council approval or January 27, 2023, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Chase, a Bow resident, earned an associate degree from New Hampshire Community Technical College in 2008 and a bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude*, from Southern New Hampshire University in 2014. Between 2004 and 2010, he served in the New Hampshire Army National Guard during which he deployed to Ramadi, Iraq. From 2008 through 2014, he was a patrol officer with the Littleton Police Department. Mr. Chase was a Daniel Webster Scholar at the University of New Hampshire School of Law, where he earned his Juris Doctor in 2017. He joined the Department of Justice in the Criminal Justice Bureau immediately following law school graduation. He initially served as the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor but was reassigned in 2017 to focus on homicide prosecutions. He was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General in April 2018. I am now assigning him to head the Criminal Justice Bureau's Cold Case Unit. His salary will increase by \$10,000 from \$80,000 to \$90,000. 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 respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Scott D. Chase

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law <i>Juris Doctorate – Daniel Webster Scholar</i>	GPA 3.53 (Top 20%)	2014 – 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Moot Court Advisory Board & Coach, 2016-17▪ Moot Court, 2015-16▪ Constitutional Law Teacher's Assistant, 2016▪ Tort Law Teacher's Assistant, 2015▪ Federal Bar Association, President, 2015-16▪ Veterans Law Society, Treasurer, 2015▪ Warren B. Rudman Summer Public Service Fellow, 2015		
Southern New Hampshire University <i>Bachelor of Arts, Psychology</i> <i>Institutional Honors: President's List</i> <i>National Honors: Psi Chi; Alpha Chi; Alpha Sigma Lambda</i>	GPA 4.0	2012 – 2014
New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council <i>148th Full Time Police Academy Graduate</i>		2009
New Hampshire Community Technical College <i>Associate in Science, Fire Science, Graduated with Honors</i>	GPA: 3.4	2005 – 2008

EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Attorney General's Office – Concord, NH

Criminal Justice Bureau - Lead Prosecutor

November 2017 - Currently

Investigate and/or prosecute homicides, public integrity violations, drug death crimes, and other major crimes as assigned by the Attorney General. Oversee witness and suspect interviews to ensure compliance with constitutional mandates. Draft and review search warrant affidavits for searches of vehicles, homes, electronic devices, social media accounts, and persons. Review requests for surreptitious recordings of communications under RSA chapter 570-A (wiretap statute). Utilize investigatory grand jury to examine witnesses and subpoena records. Draft indictments and present cases to grand jury for indictment. Engage in extensive casework, including: motion practice, trial strategy, depositions, witness preparation, and trial practice. Draft and argue motions involving the Rules of Evidence and various constitutional claims. Review and investigate unsolved homicides.

Investigate uses of deadly force by, and against, law enforcement officers. Represent the State of New Hampshire against petitions for writ of habeas corpus. Review and respond to petitions for annulments, extraditions, and Executive pardons. Litigate sentence reduction and annulment petitions. Research, draft, and argue appellate briefs before the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Present trainings to police cadets, focusing on the criminal code, constitutional mandates, and investigatory practices. Present trainings to law enforcement agencies, focusing on certain felony investigations and uses of force. Assisted in drafting the New Hampshire Attorney General's Law Enforcement Manual, 2020 edition. Assisted in ascertaining and managing a judicially-approved wiretap in furtherance of a drug sales investigation by state and federal law enforcement officers.

Scott D. Chase

Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

May 2017 – November 2017

Provided training, education, and technical support to prosecutors and law enforcement agencies throughout the State involving vehicular crimes, with a focus on impaired driving and vehicular homicide. Briefed and argued related issues to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Researched discrete legal issues and provided guidance to prosecutors on traffic related criminal cases. Served as the Chairperson for the New Hampshire Traffic Safety Commission.

Littleton Police Department – Littleton, NH

2008 – 2014

Patrol Officer

Investigated criminal and motor vehicle offenses; interviewed witnesses and suspects; and assisted victims. Drafted and executed search and arrest warrants. Testified in district and superior courts. Received several awards and commendations including a Life Saving Award and the 2012 Littleton Police Officer of the Year.

New Hampshire Army National Guard – Plymouth, NH

2004 – 2010

Specialist E-4; Team Leader; 237th Military Police Company

Deployed to Ar Ramadi, Iraq in 2005. Served as both a cannon crewman and a military police officer. While deployed, participated in combat patrols as a vehicle driver and gunner. Conducted base and route security operations. Served as a crewman on a Paladin 155mm Howitzer, providing ground support, counter fire, and terrain denial. Received several awards and commendations.