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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 appoint Brendan A. O'Donnell to Position #9U599 (Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2620-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General, at a salary level of \$81,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or January 27, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending May 18, 2026.

EXPLANATION

Mr. O'Donnell, a Canterbury resident, earned his Bachelor of Arts from Southern New Hampshire University in 2013 and his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law in 2016. While in law school, he was Chief Articles Editor of *University of New Hampshire Law Review* and a Daniel Webster Scholar. He served as a law clerk for the Hon. Chief Justice Robert Lynn at the New Hampshire Supreme Court from 2016 to 2018, and practiced as an associate at Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, from 2018 to 2022. Between Spring 2020 and the present he has been an Adjunct Professor at University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law teaching courses in Legal Analysis and Writing II, Judicial Opinion Drafting, and Fundamentals of Lawyering. Mr. O'Donnell joined the Department in March 2022 and has been assigned to the Civil Law Bureau's Litigation Unit. I plan to continue his current assignment. His salary will increase by \$2,095.20 from \$78,904.80 to \$81,000. 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 am very pleased to offer Mr. O'Donnell'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,



John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Brendan O'Donnell

Legal Experience:

Office of the Attorney General—Concord, NH.

Attorney in Civil Litigation Bureau-April 2022-Present

- Represented State agencies and officials with various litigation matters.

Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC—Meredith, NH.

Associate: September 2018-Present.

- Represented clients in various matters involving municipal law, land use and permitting, telecommunications, litigation, and appellate litigation.
- New Hampshire Supreme Court: Represented clients before the Supreme Court, including drafting briefs and memoranda of law, and oral argument.
- New Hampshire Superior Court: Represented clients at hearings and trials, and drafted numerous complaints, answers, motions, and trial memoranda.
- New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land Appeals: Represented municipal clients in complex tax abatement trials.

New Hampshire Supreme Court—Concord, NH.

Law Clerk, The Honorable Chief Justice Robert J. Lynn, 2016-2018.

University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law, Concord, NH.

Adjunct Professor: Fundamentals of Lawyering—Spring 2022.

Adjunct Professor: Judicial Opinion Drafting—Winter 2022.

Adjunct Professor: Legal Analysis and Writing II—Spring 2020 and 2021.

Education and Certification:

Bar Admissions:

New Hampshire State Bar—Admitted 2016.

United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire—Admitted 2019.

University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, Concord, NH.

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2016.

University of New Hampshire Law Review-Chief Articles Editor.

Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program.

Professional Associations:

Daniel Webster-Batchelder American Inn of Court—Member since 2017.