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March 8, 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 increment to Michael S. Garrity, Position #9U633 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200010-2601-014-500134), from a salary level of \$97,682 (LG FF, Step 6), to a salary level of \$102,518 (LG FF, Step 7), effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or March 24, 2023, whichever is later.

**EXPLANATION**

In accordance with NH RSA 94:1-a, I(a), Mr. Garrity is eligible for a salary increment, subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council. Mr. Garrity made significant contributions to the Department during the past year as the Director of Communications and should be recognized with an increase to the next step of the salary schedule. Mr. Garrity's salary will increase by \$4,836. A copy of his resume is attached.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Formella  
Attorney General

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## **MICHAEL S. GARRITY**

**Director of Communications & Legislative Affairs, New Hampshire Department of Justice, Concord, NH**  
(March 2022 – Present):

Serving as the Department's communications strategist, public information officer, and spokesperson, Garrity, a nonpartisan career journalist, is responsible for the timely dissemination of accurate information to the public on matters of significant public interest or concern. He is the Department's 24/7/365 central point of contact for the media - synthesizing complex information regarding legal matters central to State government, Department operations, and public safety. Garrity is also responsible for coordinating the Department's Legislative efforts, including presentations before the Legislature, interacting directly with the Attorney General; senior Department leadership; as well as elected officials.

Primary Duties:

- Writing/disseminating public information of interest via press releases and statements; coordinating press conferences & media availabilities; providing crisis communications strategy to respond to immediate or serious incidents state-wide; and scrupulously observing professional obligations under the law and within the rules of professional conduct regarding crime victims' right and the public's right-to-know.
- Serving as the primary point of contact for all media inquiries related to issues facing the Department, its cases, and investigations, coordinating appropriate responses with key Department personnel, and delivering information within strict deadlines against a backdrop of emerging and shifting priorities.
- Providing messaging and branding support for major presentations, including State budget and other proposals, significant legal issues, as well as the Department's website and social media profiles.
- Delivering strategic guidance and preparing leadership and Department representatives before media interviews or other public-facing events.
- Tracking media coverage, seeking opportunities for media coverage, recommending improvements, and providing continuous strategy enhancements to ensure strong messaging and greater transparency for the people of New Hampshire.

**Network Television News Producer, Fox News Channel - New York, NY:**

- Coordinating/Line Producer, "Sunday Night in America with Trey Gowdy" (June 2021-March 2022)
- Segment/Special Projects Producer, "Fox News Primetime" (January 2021-June 2021)
- Segment/Field Producer, "The Story with Martha MacCailum" (January 2018-January 2021)
- National Producer, Fox News Network (September 2015- January 2018)

**Strategic Communications Consultant/Content Producer - Principal Client: BP America (September 2012-September 2015)**

**Media Relations Representative, University of Houston - Houston, TX (May 2013-September 2014)**

**Reporter/Anchor, WMUR-TV (ABC) - Manchester, NH (September 2010 – September 2012)**

**Reporter/Anchor, KSDK-TV (NBC) - St. Louis, MO (March 2007 – September 2010)**

**Reporter/Anchor, WWBT-TV (NBC) – Richmond, VA (August 2004 – March 2007)**

**Weekend Anchor/Reporter, KDRV-TV (ABC) – Medford, OR (August 2002 – August 2004)**

**Bachelor of Science, Broadcast Journalism, Emerson College - Boston, MA (1998-2002)**

**Selected Participant, Saudi-American Exchange - Riyadh & Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (Spring 2002)**

**Recipient, U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Valor – Rescued drowning woman off Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in 2005.**