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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 appoint Duncan A. Edgar to Position #9U041 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2620-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$77,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or March 24, 2023, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Edgar, a Portsmouth resident, earned his Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in History from University of New Hampshire in 2009, and his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from University of Maine School of Law in 2014. In law school he was Editor-in-Chief of *Ocean and Coastal Law Journal* and a member of the Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition team. He practiced law as an Associate at Rainboth, Murphy & Lown, P.A., in Portsmouth (2014-2017), Sandelands Eyet, LLP, in Bedminster, New Jersey (2017-2019), and Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley & Roberts, PLLA, in Portsmouth (2020-2023). He is admitted to practice in New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont, is a graduate of the New Hampshire Bar Association Leadership Academy (2022), and a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association New Lawyers' Committee (2022-present). He was a Director and Officer of the Joan G. Lovering Health Center in Greenland (2015-2018) and is a Subscriber at the Portsmouth Athenæum (2022-present). Considering Mr. Edgar's experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$77,000. He will be assigned to the Civil Bureau's Client Counseling Unit. A copy of his resume is attached.

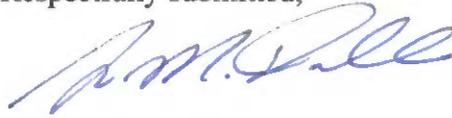
RSA 21-M:3 and RSA 94:1-a, (I)(c) provide that designation of positions, salary levels, and salary increases for attorneys at the Department of Justice shall be determined by the

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Attorney General, subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

I am very pleased to offer Mr. Edgar's appointment as an Attorney 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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DUNCAN A. EDGAR

WORK EXPERIENCE

Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley & Roberts, PLLC, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Associate, 2020 – present

- Represented businesses and individuals in a wide variety of litigation matters including real estate title disputes, construction defects and mechanic's lien claims, as well as commercial contract disputes.
- Handled various transactional matters, including purchases and sales of businesses, formation of new business entities, and commercial real estate financing transactions.
- Assisted small business owners with applications for federal trademark registration, post-registration trademark maintenance, and provided advice to trademark owners on strategies to protect brand identity.

Sandelands Eyet LLP, Bedminster, New Jersey

Associate, 2017 – 2019

- Represented banks and financial service companies in contested residential foreclosure actions in multiple jurisdictions.
- Defended financial institutions in defense of claims brought under state and federal consumer protection regulations.
- Advised residential mortgage lenders in appeals involving complex real estate and commercial issues.

Rainboth, Murphy & Lown, P.A., Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Associate, 2014 – 2017

- Represented plaintiffs in personal injury, employment discrimination, and consumer protection cases.
- Advised debtors and creditors in bankruptcy lien avoidance actions.
- Advocated for employees in connection with workers' compensation matters before the New Hampshire Department of Labor and the Maine Workers' Compensation Board.
- Administered probate estates in New Hampshire and Maine and represented administrators and heirs in contested probate matters.

EDUCATION

University of Maine School of Law, Portland, Maine

J.D., cum laude, 2014

- Ocean & Coastal Law Journal, Editor-in-Chief
- Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, Team Member

University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire

B.A., magna cum laude, History, 2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Hampshire
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire
- Maine
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maine
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- Vermont

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

New Hampshire Bar Association New Lawyers Committee, Concord, New Hampshire

Member, 2022 – present

New Hampshire Bar Association Leadership Academy, Concord, New Hampshire

Graduate, Class of 2022

Portsmouth Athenæum, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Subscriber, 2022 – present

Joan G. Lovering Health Center, Greenland, New Hampshire

Director and Officer, 2015 – 2018