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March 22, 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 Robert L. Baldrige to Position #9U693 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2611-013-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$81,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or April 21, 2023, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Baldrige, a Louisville, Kentucky resident relocating to Manchester, earned his Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, in Political Science from Northern Kentucky University in 2010, and Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Indiana University School of Law in 2013. As an undergraduate he was a Dean's Scholar and recognized as Outstanding Senior in Political Science. During law school he was awarded a full tuition, merit-based scholarship, won CALI Awards for highest grades in both Civil Procedure I and Torts, and was Articles Editor for *Indiana Law Journal*. Following law school, he served as a Judicial Law Clerk at the Logan Circuit Court (2013-2014), Jefferson Circuit Court (2015-2017), and Kentucky Court of Appeals (2017-2019). Since 2020 he has served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Kentucky Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Unit. He has represented the Commonwealth of Kentucky in post-conviction criminal litigation with an emphasis on state and federal cases of extraordinary complexity or importance. He will leave his current post to relocate to New Hampshire next month. Considering Mr. Baldrige's experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$81,000. He will be assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau's Criminal Appeals 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. Baldrige's appointment as an Attorney 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 "John M. Formella", written in a cursive style.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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ROBERT BALDRIDGE

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky,

Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Unit, January 2020 – Present Frankfort, KY

I represent the Commonwealth of Kentucky in post-conviction criminal litigation with an emphasis on cases of extraordinary complexity or importance in state and federal courts. I am the attorney of record in numerous published opinions, and I have argued before the Kentucky Supreme Court. I also provide advice to local prosecutors upon request.

Kentucky Court of Appeals

Staff Attorney for Hon. Irv Maze, December 2017 – December 2019 Louisville, KY

I assisted in writing and editing draft opinions for cases filed before the Kentucky Court of Appeals. My work involved criminal law, family law, civil appeals, and workers' compensation cases.

Jefferson Circuit Court

Louisville, KY

Staff Attorney for the Honorable Audra Eckerle, January 2015 – November 2017

I assisted Judge Eckerle in managing her docket by performing research, writing draft opinions and orders, and assisting on jury instructions in civil and criminal trials.

Logan Circuit Court

Staff Attorney for the Honorable Tyler Gill, September 2013 – December 2014 Russellville, KY

Judge Gill served as the only circuit and family court judge for Logan and Todd Counties. I helped him manage this caseload by performing legal research, drafting legal memos, and writing draft orders.

EDUCATION & HONORS

Indiana University School of Law,
J.D., *Cum Laude*, May 2013

Bloomington, IN

Honors:

- Michael & Janie Maurer Scholarship (Full Tuition Merit-based Scholarship)
- CALI Awards for Highest Grade: Civil Procedure I; Torts
- Articles Editor, Indiana Law Journal

Northern Kentucky University,

Highland Heights, KY

B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Major: Political Science, May 2010

GPA: 4.0

Honors:

- Outstanding Senior in Political Science
- Dean's Scholarship Recipient (Full Tuition)