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March 23, 2023

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA: 94:6 the Department of Health and Human Services respectfully requests to place Gregory Martin at Step 5 for the position of General Counsel, Position #9U477, unclassified salary grade DD, earning \$81,978.00 effective May 5, 2023, upon Governor and Council approval. 65.75% General Funds and 34.25% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

The attorney in this position serves as counsel to Adult Protective Services and represents APS at administrative hearings before the Administrative Appeals Unit as well as court hearings. In addition, the attorney in this position serves as general counsel to the Bureau of Human Resources and represents the Department at employment-related hearings and proceedings before such entities as the Personnel Appeals Board and the Human Rights Committee. The attorney in this position also assists with other legal matters that fall under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of General Counsel as directed by the Chief Legal Counsel. Finally, the attorney in this position serves as Legislative Liaison with respect to pending legislation that has the potential to impact program areas of the Department.

Attorney Gregory Martin has exactly the background and experience that is needed for this General Counsel position. Position 9U477 entails a significant amount of litigation both in court and before administrative entities, such as the Administrative Appeals Unit. Attorney Martin has a very significant amount of legal experience including litigation experience.

Although it is not the goal for government to compete with private industry, DHHS' goal is to recruit and hire quality, experienced employees to enable the Department to provide services to the citizens of New Hampshire effectively and efficiently. The current hiring landscape supports appointment at Step 5. I respectfully request that Attorney Martin be placed in the General Counsel Position.

Sincerely,

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GREGORY T. MARTIN ROCHETTE
Attorney and Family Mediator



CURRICULUM VITAE

Employment

April 2000 - present

Gregory T. Martin P.C., Attorney at Law, Londonderry – Nashua, NH area

Legal Practitioner. Principal attorney for a law office offering general legal representation to the general public with a primary concentration in family law, basic estate planning, and powers of attorneys, advance directives and guardianships.

Certified Family Mediator. Provide services in family matters as a mediator in both private and court connected settings. Have worked in the past as an ADR Professional with State of New Hampshire for complex family law cases. Principal court appointed mediator in Derry, Nashua, Merrimack, and Keene Family Divisions.

January 1993 – January 2003:

Cheshire County Commissioner, Cheshire County, N.H.

Elected public official representing the City of Keene, N.H. and the Town of Surry, N.H. Serve on a three-person board administrating a multi-million dollar county budget and overseeing the operation of the Cheshire County Nursing Home, Cheshire County Jail and House of Corrections, Cheshire County Sheriff, Cheshire County Attorney, and Cheshire County Registry of Deeds.

October 1993 – July 2014:

Alternative - Center for Mediation and Training, Keene, N.H.

Co-Founder. Development and implementation of a professional mediation center specializing in an attorney-psychologist team mediation. Alternative dispute resolution training; group facilitation; staff/management training; and consultation for small business and professional practices.

Education

1984: Juris Doctorate, **University of Kansas Law School**, Lawrence, Kansas

Note and Comment Editor, Kansas Law Review

1980: Bachelor of Science in the Foreign Service, **Georgetown University**, Washington, D.C.

Concentration in U.S. History and Diplomacy

Mediation Training

1995: **Basic Mediation Training** - Woodbury College, Montpelier, Vt.
Instructor, Carl Schneider, Ph.D.

1995-present: **Advanced Mediation Training** - ongoing
N.H. Association of Conflict Resolution
Academy of Family Mediators

Professional Organizations

New Hampshire Bar Association
New Hampshire Association for Conflict Resolution
Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation

Licensure, Certification, Professional Positions

Attorney, State of New Hampshire
Attorney, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Certified Family Mediator, State of New Hampshire

Civic Affairs

NH Ballot Law Commission, Governor's Appointment, Member 2006-2011

Keene Public Library, Board of Trustees, 2006-2011

New Hampshire Bar Association, Board of Governors 2003-2005
Representative for Cheshire County, New Hampshire

New Hampshire Bar Association President's Award for
Distinguished Pro Bono Service 1991, 2000, 2001