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June 14, 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 Samuel L. Burgess, Position #9U357 (Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2623-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$74,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or June 30, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending November 21, 2026.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Burgess, a Concord resident, is a member of the New Hampshire and Alaska Bars. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in 2016 from Virginia Military Institute, where he majored in English and Minored in Literary Studies, Rhetoric and Writing. He received his Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School in 2020. During law school he was General Editor for the *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy* and a Teacher's Assistant for Negotiations. Following his law school graduation, Mr. Burgess served a Federal District Court Clerkship at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. He was a civil litigation associate at Preti Flaherty, Beliveau & Pachios, LLP, from 2021 until joining the Department's Division of Legal Counsel, Transportation and Construction Bureau in 2022. Mr. Burgess' salary will increase by \$2,176.40 from \$71,823.60 to \$74,000. I plan to continue his current assignment. 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 pleased to offer Mr. Burgess' 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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Samuel Lloyd Burgess



EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY
J.D., 05/2020

Awards: Albert C. and Doris L. Neimeth Dean's Scholarship

Activities: Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy (General Editor); Teacher's Assistant for Professor Michael Huyghue (*Negotiations*), 2019; Langfan Moot Court Tournament, 2018

Virginia Military Institute (VMI), Lexington, VA
Bachelor of Arts in English, 05/2016

Honors: Dean's List; Institute Honors Program

Awards: The Asa S. Dearing Medal (award received upon graduation); The Alfred A. Mckethan Merit Award (academic scholarship awarded annually)

Activities: President, Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society

EXPERIENCE

Attorney, 07/1/2022 – Present (40+ hours/week)

New Hampshire Department of Justice

- Defend lawsuits brought against the Department of Safety and the Department of Transportation through all stages of litigation
- Advise the Department of Safety and the Department of Transportation on client counseling matters
- Negotiate contracts with outside entities on behalf of the Department of Safety and the Department of Transportation

Civil Litigation Associate, 10/1/2021 – 05/01/2022 (40+ hours/week)

Preti Flaherty, Beliveau & Pachios, LLP

- Participated in all aspects of civil litigation, including motion drafting, legal research, and discovery review, among other tasks

Federal District Court Clerkship, 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2021 (40+ hours/week)

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky

- Drafted court orders on all motions, both criminal and civil, that came before the court

Full-Time Judicial Extern, 1/15/2020 – 5/2020

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

- Conducted legal research and wrote draft orders on a variety of criminal and civil issues

2L Summer Internship, 06/03/2019 – 07/26/2019

U.S. Coast Guard Office of the Judge Advocate General – Washington, DC (HQ)

2L Summer Internship, 05/13/2019 – 05/31/2019

U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources – Washington, DC

- Investigated policy issues facing the Committee and briefed Committee counsel