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July 5, 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 Thomas P. Velardi to Position #9U350 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$125,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or October 6, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending December 29, 2026.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Velardi, a Dover resident, earned his Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in Political Science from University of New Hampshire in 1993, and Juris Doctor from Marquette University Law School in 1996. Immediately after law school he served two years as a Research Clerk with the Superior Court of Connecticut in Bridgeport. For the past 24 years he has been a career New Hampshire prosecutor. He joined the Strafford County Attorney's Office in 1999 as an Assistant County Attorney prosecuting felony-level offenses. He was promoted to Deputy County Attorney in 2005 in which capacity he continued trying cases as well as supervising Assistant County Attorneys. He has been the Strafford County Attorney for over 15 years having first been appointed in 2008 and re-elected at each subsequent election. Mr. Velardi was President of the New Hampshire Association of County Attorneys from 2014 to January 2023. He regularly serves as a guest lecturer or instructor for, among others, University of New Hampshire Justice Studies and Women's Studies courses; Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program; New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Basic Prosecutor School; and New Hampshire State Police Motor Vehicle Collision Analysis courses. He is a member of the Women's Correctional Facility Citizens Advisory Board, Opioid Abatement Committee, and Governor's Advisory Commission on Mental Illness and the Corrections System. Mr. Velardi was a contributing author to *A Practical Guide to Evidence in New Hampshire*, 2nd Edition (2021). He is a member of the New Hampshire and

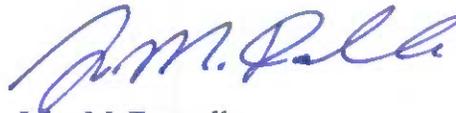
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Connecticut State Bars. Considering Mr. Velardi's extensive experience, I will designate him as an Associate Attorney General and the Director of the Public Protection Division at a salary level of \$125,000. A copy of his resume is attached.

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 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. Velardi'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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THOMAS PATRICK VELARDI

EXPERIENCE:

2008 - Present: Strafford County Attorney, Dover, NH

- Responsible for prosecution of felony level offenses for the State of New Hampshire in the Strafford County Superior Court, drafting and submitting the budgets for the felony and circuit court prosecutors, legal assistants and victim assistants, supervising the Child Advocacy Center and the cost of Medical Examiner cases in Strafford County
- Team member of Strafford County Adult Drug Court and founding team member of Rochester Mental Health Court

2005 – 12/07: Deputy Strafford County Attorney

- Responsible for prosecuting felony-level cases as well as the supervision of assistant County Attorneys

6/99 to 2005: Strafford County Attorney's Office, Assistant County Attorney

- Responsible for the prosecution of felony-level offenses for the State of New Hampshire in the Strafford County Superior Court

3/97 to 6/99: Research Clerk: Superior Court of Connecticut, Bridgeport, CT

- Responsible for research and drafting of legal memoranda to judges of the Superior court of Connecticut on short calendar motions, issues arising during the course of trials, administrative appeals, and special requests

9/95 to 5/96: Intern: Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Milwaukee, WI

- Tried misdemeanor cases brought in Milwaukee County, including intake examination, bail hearings, pretrial conferences and negotiations, trials to the court and jury, and sentencing recommendations

4/95 to 9/95: Law Clerk: Offices of Herbert L. Usow, S.C., Milwaukee, WI

- Researched and drafted pleadings including special verdicts regarding civil matters, prepared motions concerning criminal matters
- Filed motions and pleadings with Circuit and Municipal courts, handled disposition of small claims judgments

11/94 to 4/95: Law Clerk: Post Conviction Motion Attorney, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, WI

- Researched issues related to the disposition of post-conviction motions at the direction of June Simeth, Staff Attorney
- Drafted and proofed decisions on post-conviction motions

5/94 to 12/94: Judicial Clerk: Circuit Court of Milwaukee, Branch 42, Milwaukee, WI

- Researched and drafted post-conviction motions in general felony, homicide and sexual assault cases for judges of the Connecticut Superior Court

1/93 to 5/93: Intern: Bamford and Dedopoulos, Durham, NH

- Performed research for legal briefs in the areas of divorce, custody and proceedings, traffic and general misdemeanor cases
- Prepared and proofed motions to New Hampshire State District and Superior Courts
- Drafted memoranda to clients and conducted client interviews and follow-up telephone calls

BAR ADMISSIONS:

Connecticut State Bar – November, 1997

New Hampshire State Bar – November, 1997

EDUCATION:

Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI

Juris Doctor – May 1996

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science magna cum laude – May 1993

NH ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ATTORNEYS

President 2014 to January 2023

TEACHING AND LECTURES:

University of New Hampshire –

Regular guest lecturer for Justice Studies and Women’s Studies Courses

UNH School of Law

Issues facing prosecution

State Bar of New Hampshire –

Regular speaker to new bar admittees on criminal law

Strafford County group co-leader for 2004 Professionalism Day

Member of statewide panels on trial advocacy

Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Regular instructor for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program

National speaker on medical testimony in sexual assault cases

Instructor on court procedure to Volunteers of America

New Hampshire Police Standards and Training

Instructor on Domestic Violence case law

Instructor – basic prosecutor school

New Hampshire State Police

Instructor on causation in motor vehicle collisions resulting in death or serious bodily injury

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Citizens Advisory Board - Women’s Correctional Facility

Opioid Abatement Committee

Governor’s Advisory Commission on Mental Illness and the Corrections System

PUBLISHED TREATISE

A Practical Guide to Evidence in New Hampshire, 2nd Edition (2021) (contributing author)