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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 grant a salary increase to Christina M. Wilson, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position 9U605, Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2623-013-500132) **retroactive** to July 14, 2023, from a salary of \$82,000 to a salary of \$115,000, upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

EXPLANATION

This item is **retroactive** to July 14, 2023, because fiscal year 2024 attorney raise funds became effective on July 1, 2023, upon the passage of the 2024-2025 biennium budget and the July 19, 2023 Governor and Executive Council meeting is the first meeting in fiscal year 2024.

In accordance with 2001 N.H. Laws Chapter 158, Section 101, and 2023 N.H. Laws Chapter 79, Section 180, I request approval to grant a salary increase to Assistant Attorney General Christina M. Wilson.

Ms. Wilson is a resident of Concord and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She earned her undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from Quinnipiac University in 2012 and her Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2016. While in law school, she was Associate Editor of *UNH Law Review*, Teaching Assistant for Legal Writing I and II, President of the Women's Law Student Association, Recipient of the National Association of Women Lawyers Award, and Student Bar Association Class Governor. Following law school, she served as a New Hampshire Superior Court law clerk from 2016 to 2018. She joined the New Hampshire Department of Justice, Transportation and Construction

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Bureau, as an Attorney in 2018, and was appointed an Assistant Attorney General in 2019. Ms. Wilson is being promoted to Chief of the Public Safety and Infrastructure Bureau (formerly known as the Transportation and Construction Bureau), and designated Senior Assistant Attorney General, effective July 14, 2023. Commensurate with her additional duties and responsibilities her salary will increase by \$33,000 from \$82,000 to \$115,000. Her resume is attached for your review.

RSA 24-M:4 and 94:1-a(I)(c)(3) 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 respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Christina M. Wilson

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH

J.D., *magna cum laude*, May 2016

GPA: 3.7/4.0 (Top 10%)

- Associate Editor of *UNH Law Review*, Teaching Assistant for Legal Writing I & II, President of Women's Law Student Association, Recipient of the National Association of Women Lawyers Award, Student Bar Association Class Governor

Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT

B.A. in Legal Studies, Minors in Psychology and Criminal Justice, *Cum Laude*, May 2012

EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Justice

Assistant Attorney General, August 2018 – Present

- Provide legal representation and client counseling services to state agencies in matters involving personal injury and property damage, contract disputes, administrative appeals, land use, constitutional claims, and construction matters
- Litigation activities include drafting pleadings and motions, responding to discovery requests, conducting and defending depositions, negotiating settlements, and appearing before state and administrative tribunals
- Client counseling activities include reviewing agency actions to ensure statutory compliance, drafting language for land acquisitions and lease agreements, and approving agency contracts

New Hampshire Superior Courts

Law Clerk, Belknap Superior Court (Aug. 2016 – Aug. 2017), Merrimack Superior Court (Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2018)

- Assisted superior court judges with research, drafting, and proofreading court orders
- Interpreted and summarized statutes and case law under time-sensitive circumstances

New Hampshire Supreme Court, Concord, NH

Judicial Extern, August 2015 – December 2015

- Legal residency with the Honorable Justice Hicks

Consumer Legal Services, LLC, Guilford, CT

Paralegal, May 2012 – January 2013

- Managed litigation and bankruptcy case load
- Drafted correspondence, pleadings, motions, discovery requests, and bankruptcy petitions

Shipman & Goodwin, LLP, Hartford, CT

Paralegal Intern, August 2011 – May 2012

- Assisted with medical malpractice, personal injury, and products liability cases

BAR ADMISSION AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Admitted to the New Hampshire Bar, the United States District Court, District of New Hampshire, and the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- Member of the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association