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October 4, 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 reappoint Audriana L. Mekula, Position #9U056 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132), as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$87,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or October 31, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending October 31, 2028.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Mekula, a Manchester resident, graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Wagner College in 2014. While there, she was recognized with an Academic Activism Award and designated as Outstanding Pre-Law Student. She earned her Juris Doctor in 2018 from the University of New Hampshire School of Law, where she was a Schweitzer Fellow and Business Law Moot Court competitor. During law school, she interned with the Rockingham County Attorney's Office (2016-2017), Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (2017), Hillsborough North Superior Court (2017), and the Criminal Bureau in this office (2018). As a Daniel Webster Scholar, she was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar upon graduation. Ms. Mekula served as an Assistant County Attorney in Rockingham County from May 2018 to January 2022, where she prosecuted felony and misdemeanor crimes with a focus on domestic, intimate partner, and sexually violent crimes. Ms. Mekula joined the Department in January of 2022 and was assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau's Appeals Unit. I plan to continue her current assignment and her salary will remain the same. A copy of her resume is attached.

RSA 21-M:3 and RSA 94:1-a provide that designation of positions, salary levels, and salary increases for attorneys at the Department of Justice shall be determined by the Attorney

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General, subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

I am pleased to offer Ms. Mekula's reappointment as an Assistant Attorney General 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 "J.M. Formella", written in a cursive style.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Audriana Mekula

Education

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH **May 2018**

Honors: Daniel Webster Scholar, Health Law and Public Policy graduate, Schweitzer Fellow, Business Law Moot Court competitor 2016-2017

Wagner College, Staten Island, NY **December 2014**

B.A. in English, B.A. in Sociology with a Concentration in Family Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*

Honors: Outstanding Pre-Law Student, Academic Activism Award, Wagner College Dean's List 2011-2014, Co-editor of *The Wagnerian* (student publication) 2014

Honors Thesis: The Importance of Holocaust Fiction in *Night*, *Inglorious Bastards*, and *The Book Thief*

Professional Experience

Attorney General's Office - Criminal Bureau, Concord, NH **January 2022-current**

Criminal Appeals Attorney

- Draft and file briefs and memoranda of law and argue before the New Hampshire Supreme Court
- Litigate habeas corpus petitions on behalf of state agencies
- Held a legal internship here January 2018-May 2018

Rockingham County Attorney's Office, Brentwood, NH **May 2018-January 2022**

Assistant County Attorney

- General prosecution of felony and misdemeanor crimes with a focus in domestic, intimate partner, and sexually violent crimes
- Held a legal internship here May 2016-August 2016 and August 2017-December 2017

Hillsborough North Superior Court, Manchester, NH **May 2017-August 2017**

Judicial Intern

- Drafted criminal and civil orders for Judges Abramson, Brown, Kissinger, and Messer

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, Concord, NH **January 2017-May 2017**

Legal Intern

- Coordinated a training for twelve attorneys regarding key anti-abortion legislation
- Wrote memos regarding the American Healthcare Act's effect on family planning in the state

Winnisquam Regional Middle School, Tilton, NH **December 2014-June 2015**

Paraprofessional

- Tutored an 8th grade Autistic student one-on-one
- Tutored small 8th grade student groups in English, math, history, and science

Holocaust Remembrance Project, Staten Island, NY **August 2014-December 2014**

Project Aid

- Taught high school students three structured lessons regarding the Holocaust's social effects
- Introduced high school students to a Holocaust survivor

Staten Island Legal Services, Staten Island, NY **August 2012-December 2012**

Domestic Violence Intern

- Filed civil restraining order paperwork with police departments and the courts
- Assisted domestic violence survivors in accessing community services

Volunteer Experience

Schweitzer Fellow, Concord, NH **April 2016-April 2017**

- Provided citizenship classes to local Nepali and African New Americans
- Tutor for the Concord School District after-school 21(c) program

African Refugee Youth Center, Staten Island, NY **August 2012-May 2014**

- Facilitated after-school tutoring and programming for students aged five to fourteen