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December 6, 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 Joshua L. Speicher, Position #9U261 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2904-013-500132), as an Assistant Attorney General, from a salary level of \$95,000 to a salary level of \$103,000, upon Governor and Executive Council approval or December 29, 2023, whichever is later, for a term ending June 30, 2024.

EXPLANATION

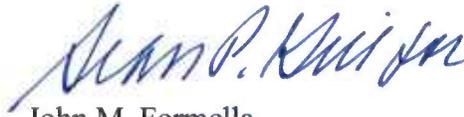
Mr. Speicher earned his Bachelor of Arts from Dartmouth College in 2009, and Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law in 2013. Following law school graduation, he interned for the Honorable Ralph Gants at the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Mr. Speicher tried over 30 jury trials to verdict while serving as an Assistant District Attorney in Essex County, Massachusetts, from 2014 to 2017. Between 2017 and 2019, he was Assistant Corporation Counsel at the City of Boston Law Department litigating cases in state and federal courts; his municipal clients included the Boston Police and Fire Departments, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and Boston School Department. He was a litigation associate at Lawson and Weitzen, LLP, in Boston, from 2019 to 2020, where his practice concentrated on environmental law. He joined the New Hampshire Department of Justice in May 2020, and was assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau. Mr. Speicher was recently designated as a Senior Assistant Attorney General and will be transferring to the Attorney General's Drug Task Force where he will lead the unit. His salary will increase by \$8,000, from \$95,000 to \$103,000. A copy of his resume is attached.

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RSA 21-M:3 and RSA 94:1-a provide that the 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.

I am very pleased to offer Mr. Speicher for reappointment at the above-referenced position and salary amount. I respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Formella".

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Joshua L. Speicher

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Justice
Concord, New Hampshire

May 2020 – present

Attorney: Investigate and prosecute homicides, officer-involved shootings, tax fraud, and other offenses.

Lawson & Weitzen, LLP
Boston, Massachusetts

April 2019 – April 2020

Associate: Responsible for representation of clients in administrative, permitting, and transactional matters, as well as litigation in state and federal courts. Representation spans multiple practice areas, with a focus on environmental law.

- Litigate dispositive motions and other matters in state Superior Court and U.S. District Court.
- Conducted a week-long trial in Washington, D.C. Superior Court and obtained plaintiff's verdict on consumer protection and contract claims.

City of Boston Law Department
Boston, Massachusetts

March 2017 – April 2019

Assistant Corporation Counsel: Responsible for comprehensive representation and support of City of Boston departments, including litigating in state and federal courts and advising on a wide range of legal issues.

- Served as in-house counsel for various departments, including the Boston Police and Fire Departments, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, and the Boston School Department.

Essex County District Attorney's Office
Lawrence, Massachusetts

January 2014 – March 2017

Assistant District Attorney: Represented the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in District and Superior Court at all stages of criminal proceedings.

- Responsible for managing a large caseload and handling bail hearings, discovery requests and production, pre-trial motions, plea negotiations, and working with law enforcement to conduct investigations.
- Tried over 30 jury trials to verdict, for offenses including distribution of narcotics, indecent assault and battery, firearms offenses, and operating under the influence and other motor vehicle offenses.
- Handled diverse types of evidence before and during trial, including narcotics, firearms and ammunition, medical records, phone records, business records, photographs, video and audio recordings, and law enforcement, civilian, and expert scientific testimony on both direct and cross-examination.
- Solely responsible for handling all cases of insurance fraud in the jurisdiction of the Lawrence District Court; worked with investigators at the Insurance Fraud Bureau and local law enforcement to investigate instances of potential fraud, gather and review necessary evidence, make charging decisions, and prosecute offenders.
- Presented cases to the Grand Jury for indictment through witness testimony and documentary evidence.

The Honorable Ralph Gants, Supreme Judicial Court
Boston, Massachusetts

October 2013 – January 2014

Judicial Intern: Prepared a draft opinion, performed legal research, and prepared legal memoranda pertaining to applications for review, oral arguments, and other projects.

EDUCATION

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts
Juris Doctor, May 2013

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
Bachelor of Arts, History modified with Economics, June 2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Hampshire (June 2020)

U.S. District Court, District of MA (September 2018)

Massachusetts (November 2013)