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March 27, 2024

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 Robert L. Baldrige to Position #9U693 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$93,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or April 19, 2024, whichever is later, for a term ending July 1, 2027.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Baldrige, a Manchester resident, earned his Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, in Political Science from Northern Kentucky University in 2010, and Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Indiana University School of Law in 2013. As an undergraduate he was a Dean's Scholar and recognized as Outstanding Senior in Political Science. During law school he was awarded a full tuition, merit-based scholarship, won CALI Awards for highest grades in both Civil Procedure I and Torts, and was Articles Editor for *Indiana Law Journal*. Following law school, he served as a Judicial Law Clerk at the Logan Circuit Court (2013-2014), Jefferson Circuit Court (2015-2017), and Kentucky Court of Appeals (2017-2019). From 2020 to 2023 he was an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Kentucky Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Unit representing the Commonwealth in post-conviction criminal litigation with an emphasis on state and federal cases of extraordinary complexity or importance. Mr. Baldrige joined the Department in April 2023 and was assigned to the Criminal Appeals Unit. I plan to continue his current assignment. His salary will increase by \$3,000 from \$90,000 to \$93,000. 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

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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. Baldrige's appointment 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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ROBERT BALDRIDGE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Justice

Attorney, Solicitor General Bureau, April 2023 – Present

Concord, NH

I principally represent the State of New Hampshire in criminal appeals and habeas corpus matters. I have also represented the New Hampshire Department of Safety in an administrative license appeal. I regularly file briefs addressing complex and novel issues of criminal law and appear for oral argument before the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky,

Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Unit, January 2020 – April 2023

Frankfort, KY

I represented the Commonwealth of Kentucky in post-conviction criminal litigation with an emphasis on cases of extraordinary complexity or importance in state and federal courts. In this position, I regularly argued before the Kentucky Supreme Court, responded to petitions for writs of habeas corpus filed in federal court, and frequently provided advice to local prosecutors upon request.

Kentucky Court of Appeals

Staff Attorney, December 2017 – December 2019

Louisville, KY

I assisted in writing and editing draft opinions for cases filed before the Kentucky Court of Appeals. My work involved criminal law, family law, civil appeals, and workers' compensation cases.

Jefferson Circuit Court

Staff Attorney for the Honorable Audra Eckerle, January 2015 – November 2017

Louisville, KY

I assisted Judge Eckerle in managing her docket by performing research, writing draft opinions and orders, and assisting on jury instructions in civil and criminal trials.

Logan Circuit Court

Staff Attorney for the Honorable Tyler Gill, September 2013 – December 2014

Russellville, KY

Judge Gill served as the only circuit and family court judge for Logan and Todd Counties. I helped him manage this caseload by performing legal research, drafting legal memos, and writing draft orders.

EDUCATION & HONORS

Indiana University School of Law,

J.D., *Cum Laude*, May 2013

Bloomington, IN

Honors:

- Michael & Janie Maurer Scholarship (Full Tuition)
- CALI Awards for Highest Grade: Civil Procedure I; Torts
- Articles Editor, Indiana Law Journal

Northern Kentucky University,

B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Major: Political Science, May 2010

Highland Heights, KY

GPA: 4.0

Honors:

- Outstanding Senior in Political Science
- Dean's Scholarship Recipient (Full Tuition)