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**ATTORNEY GENERAL  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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June 12, 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 reappoint Sunniva (Sunny) Mulligan Shea (Position # 9U670, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2616-014-500134) as a Victim/Witness Specialist, at a salary level of \$90,176 (LG DD, Step 5), effective July 1, 2024, upon Governor and Executive Council approval, for a term ending June 30, 2029.

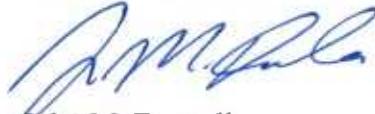
**EXPLANATION**

Ms. Mulligan Shea, a resident of Hillsborough, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Notre Dame College in 1986 and a Juris Doctor from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 1999. Prior to attending law school, she taught Preschool and Kindergarten programs at the Montessori School of Bedford. From 1999 to 2014 she engaged in a general law practice as an Associate at Steven A. Cherry and Associates in Henniker, where she also served as a Guardian ad Litem in criminal cases. In addition to her law practice, she held various positions at the University of New Hampshire School of Law including Adjunct and Assistant Professor (2006 to 2012) and Director of the Academic Success Program (2004 to 2013). After two years as a Victim/Witness Advocate in the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office (2014 to 2016), she joined the Department as a Victim/Witness Advocate with the Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit. Ms. Mulligan Shea is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association, Greater Manchester Domestic and Sexual Violence Council, New Hampshire Commission on Aging, and Co-Chair of the Financial Abuse Specialty Team. I intend to continue her assignment with the Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit. Her salary will remain the same. Her resume is attached for your consideration.

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I am very pleased to offer Ms. Mulligan Shea's reappointment as a Victim/Witness Specialist 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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Sunniva (Sunny) Mulligan Shea

**EDUCATION:**

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<b>Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH</b> <i>Juris Doctor (JD)</i>	1999
<b>Notre Dame College, Manchester, NH</b> <i>B.A. Elementary Education</i>	1986
<b>St. Nicholas Montessori Society of Ireland, Dunlaoghaire, Co. Dublin</b> <i>Montessori Teaching Certification</i>	1980

**EXPERIENCE:**

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<b>New Hampshire Attorney General's Office</b> <i>Victim Witness Advocate</i> Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with victims of elder abuse and exploitation, Medicaid fraud, and homicide.</li><li>• Advocate on YDC Task Force.</li></ul>	2016- Present
<b>Hillsborough County Attorneys Office</b> <i>Victim Witness Advocate</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with victims throughout and beyond the criminal process</li></ul>	2014-2016
<b>Steven A. Cherry and Associates, Henniker, NH</b> <i>Associate</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Practice</li><li>• Family law, juvenile law, debt collection, landlord-tenant disputes, estate planning</li><li>• Criminal Guardian ad Litem</li><li>• Representing child victims of crimes in criminal trial process</li></ul>	1999-2014
<b>University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH</b> <i>Director of Academic Success Program</i>	2004-2013
<b>University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH</b> <i>Assistant Professor</i> <i>Adjunct Professor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fundamentals of Lawyering</li><li>• Taught second semester, first year law students practical lawyering skills, including client interviews, trial practice, interrogatories, motions, and negotiations</li></ul>	2006-2012

- Introduction to the American Legal System
  - Designed and taught course for international masters program students on organization and procedures of the American legal system, including judicial structure, common law development and initiation and prosecution of a cases

**Monfessorri School of Bedford, Bedford, NH**  
 Taught Preschool and Kindergarten programs

1985 – 1995

**PRESENTATIONS:**

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| Police Standards and Training, Concord, NH   | 2016 - Present   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present on Elder Abuse and Exploitation for Police Academy to full and part time academy</li> </ul> |                  |
| Presentations throughout the State on elder abuse and exploitation and scams   | 2016 – Present   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 140 events</li> </ul>  |                  |
| Rivier College, Nashua, NH   | Fall, 2018       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taught Victimology class</li> </ul>   |                  |
| Rivier College, Nashua, NH   | Spring/Fall 2015 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on Victim Witness Advocate work</li> </ul>   |                  |
| University of New Hampshire, Durham NH   | Feb. 2012, 13    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest lecturer in Masters Program on victim advocate work</li> </ul>                                |                  |
| Guardian ad Litem Board, Concord, NH   | 2007 – 2013      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train Guardian ad Litem in annual training to represent child victims in criminal cases</li> </ul>  |                  |
| Western New England School of Law  | Aug 2010         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation to faculty on designing and implementing an Academic Success program</li> </ul>        |                  |
| University of Las Vegas, CA.   | June 2013        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented on academic early intervention</li> </ul>   |                  |

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

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| Parent Coordination Certification Training, Basic and advanced              | 2012 |
| National Association of Counsel for Children - Child Welfare Law Specialist | 2011 |

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

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Financial Abuse Specialty Team – Member / Co-Chair	2016-Present
New Hampshire Commission on Aging – Member	2019-Present
Greater Manchester Domestic and Sexual Violence Council	2017-Present
New Hampshire Bar Association – Member	1999-Present
American Bar Association – Member	2005-2014
New England Consortium of Academic Support Professionals	2008-2014

**VOLUNTEER WORK:**

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Girls at Work, New Boston, NH – Board Member (non profit working with at risk girls)	2011-2013
NH Attorney General's Task Force on Juvenile Offenders	2010-2011
Citizens' Emergency Response Team, Goffstown, NH	2008-2014
DOVE Attorney	2004-2014
Boy Scouts of America, Troop 99 - Charter Representative	2006-2009
CASA of New Hampshire	1995-2007

INTERESTS: Kayaking, water aerobics, swimming, snowmobiling, reading

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request