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June 24, 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 Rachel C. Harrington, (Position #9U636, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26100000-013-500132), as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$98,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, for a term ending June 30, 2029.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Harrington is a resident of Pembroke and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. She graduated, *summa cum laude*, from the University of New Hampshire in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and earned her Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law in 2003. While in law school, she worked as a legal research and writing Teaching Assistant and helped place student mentors through the Youth Advocacy Caucus Mentoring Program. Ms. Harrington was an Assistant County Attorney in the Merrimack County Attorney's Office from 2003 through 2016 where she prosecuted sexual assault and domestic violence cases. She joined the New Hampshire Department of Justice in December 2019 and has been working in the Criminal Justice Bureau, Cold Case Unit since that time. I plan to continue her current assignment. Her salary will remain the same. A copy of her resume is attached.

RSA 21:M-3 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.

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I am very pleased to offer Ms. Harrington'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,



John M. Formella
Attorney General

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RACHEL C. HARRINGTON

EXPERIENCE

NH Department of Justice – Office of the Attorney General, Concord, NH December 2019 – present
Assistant Attorney General, Cold Case Unit:

Prosecuted homicide cases resulting from cold case investigations or active call-outs; assisted local and state law enforcement with cold case investigations and trainings; prepared public closure reports and press releases for cold cases solved after perpetrator deceased; worked with the Office of Victim/Witness Assistance to connect with and support cold case victims; prepared sexual assault prosecutions resulting from investigation into offenses occurring at the NH Youth Development Center; drafted and argued objection to suspension of homicide sentence; assisted with production of materials for Right to Know requests pursuant to NH RSA 91-A.

Merrimack County Attorney's Office, Concord, NH

Assistant County Attorney: September 2003 – December 2016

Prosecuted general caseload of felony and misdemeanor offenses for towns in Merrimack County. Acted as lead or co-counsel on numerous jury trials and bench trials and appeared in Superior and Circuit Courts regularly. Researched and wrote motions on legal issues relevant to pending cases. Interviewed witnesses in conjunction with investigators and advocates for purposes of charging decisions and trial preparation.

Intern:

March – May 2003

Assisted attorneys with research and writing needs. Appeared in court with supervision per NH Rule 36.

Honorable Paul J. Barbadoro

September – November 2002

U.S. District Court for District of New Hampshire, Concord, NH

Judicial Intern: Wrote bench memorandum on motion to suppress evidence from a search warrant. Drafted order on motion for summary judgment on a writ of habeas corpus. Researched various issues to assist judge.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Boston, MA

March – May 2002

Intern: Assisted attorneys in the Office of Environmental Stewardship of the New England Regional Office. Wrote internal memoranda on arranger liability under CERCLA and on the enforcement of restrictive covenants. Researched issues relating to the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and Superfund legislation.

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Boston, MA

September – November 2001

Intern: Assisted attorneys working in the Special Investigations and Narcotics Division of the Criminal Bureau. Drafted summary judgment memorandum for forfeiture case and other motions. Researched various issues concerning the Massachusetts Rules of Criminal Procedure, prosecution of drug charges, and obtaining warrants for wiretaps and electronic surveillance. Assisted with drafting a proposal for a revised state wiretap statute.

Chappell White LLP, Boston, MA

December 1999 – June 2000

Administrative Assistant: Provided support to attorneys in small, general practice firm.

United Nations, New York, NY

September – December 1998, March – July 1999

Assistant Conference Officer: Coordinated services for meetings of the General Assembly and the committee responsible for international legal issues. Assisted interpreters, delegates, and the Office of Legal Affairs.

EDUCATION

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA – J.D. 2003

Teaching Assistant: Selected to instruct first-year students in legal research and writing (Winter 2002).

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH – B.A. in Political Science 1998

Minors in Spanish and Justice Studies, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Presidential Scholar (1994-98).