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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 Ashley Taylor, (Position # 9U668, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2616-014-500134), as a Victim/Witness Specialist at a salary level of \$80,824 (LG DD, Step 3), effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, for a term ending June 30, 2029.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Taylor, a resident of North Andover, Massachusetts, earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Westfield State University in 2013, and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from University of Massachusetts Lowell in 2019. She was an AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program Advocate with the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence from 2014 to 2016 and served as the Director of Community Based Domestic and Sexual Violence Program at the YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts from 2016 to 2021. From 2021 to 2023, she served as Victim/Witness Advocate for the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office, where she provided services to victims and witnesses. Ms. Taylor is assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau's Victim/Witness Unit. Her salary will remain the same. Her resume is attached for your consideration.

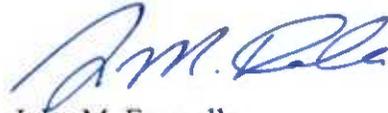
I am very pleased to offer Ms. Taylor's reappointment as a Victim/Witness Specialist at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

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and the Honorable Council

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Respectfully submitted,

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

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ASHLEY M. TAYLOR

New Hampshire Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General
Victim/Witness Specialist

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Graduated August 2019
Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
Domestic Violence Prevention Certificate

Westfield State University
Graduated May 2013
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Cornell University
Completed July 2020
Women in Leadership Certificate

Yale University
Completed June 2020
The Science of Well-Being Certificate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Justice – Concord, NH

Office of the Attorney General

Office of Victim/Witness Assistance

February 10, 2023 – Present

Victim/Witness Specialist

- Provide services, support and crisis intervention to homicide victims' families from death notifications, prosecution, trial, sentencing and post-sentencing
- Explain and orient victims' families of the judicial system and ensure they are being informed throughout the process
- Provide 24/7 on-call coverage for homicide cases throughout the State of New Hampshire
- Ensure New Hampshire Victim's Bill of Rights is complied with all criminal cases prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office
- Accompany victims' families to all court hearings, trials and post-sentencing hearings
- Prepares witnesses for court testimony, coordinate schedules with court system and prepare Victim Impact Statements
- Knowledge of community resources and provide referrals to victims' family members

Hillsborough County Attorney's Office – Manchester, NH

January 25, 2021 – February 2, 2023

Victim/Witness Advocate

- Provide information, support and assistance to victims and witnesses involved in criminal cases
- Ensure New Hampshire Victim's Bill of Rights is complied with all criminal cases prosecuted by the County Attorney's Office
- Orient victims/witnesses to the criminal justice system and their statutory rights
- Notify victims/witnesses of all hearings and provide updates regarding the progression of their case
- Prepare victims/witnesses for court proceedings, victim impact statements, and trial testimony
- Accompany victims/witnesses to all hearings and trials
- Attend forensic interviews of child victims at Child Advocacy Center as part of multi-disciplinary team
- Provide information and referrals to community resources
- Handle high-volume caseload with wide-variety of crimes in fast-paced environment

YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts – Lawrence & Haverhill, MA

August 22, 2016 – January 22, 2021

Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Counselor & Community Outreach Specialist

- Provide individual counseling, crisis intervention, and safety planning to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking

- Provide emergency shelter assistance for survivors fleeing immediate danger
- Develop relationships with community leaders and agencies
- Provide community outreach and professional trainings to increase awareness and improve services to victims
- Provide emergency 24/7 medical accompaniment and emotional support to sexual assault victims at local hospitals
- Coordinate and manage 24/7 medical advocacy schedule for staff
- Provide emotional support to victims on emergency 24/7 crisis hotline
- Assist survivors by providing information about restraining and harassment orders
- Facilitate women's domestic violence support group

AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program – Concord, NH

August 2014 – August 2016

Direct Service Advocate

- 1700 full-time volunteer hours in public service work
- Offer support and information to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse and human trafficking
- Placed throughout New Hampshire in multidisciplinary agencies by the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Full year commitment and dedication to helping others and meeting critical community need

YWCA New Hampshire - Manchester, NH

March 2015 – August 2016

Direct Service Advocate / Volunteer Coordinator

- Provide crisis intervention and agency referrals to empower survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse and human trafficking
- Co-facilitate weekly sexual assault support group
- Advocate for victims through court hearings / protective orders, hospital visits, police departments and child advocacy centers
- Case management for residents residing in confidential domestic violence shelter
- Offer emotional support and conflict resolution on emergency 24/7 hotline
- Coordinate and manage monthly 24/7 hotline schedule for staff and 30+ volunteers
- Participate in the planning, implementation and evaluation of new advocate training

Hillsborough County Child Advocacy Center - Nashua, NH

September 2014 - March 2015

Intake Coordinator / Family Advocate

- Schedule and coordinate all forensic interviews and intake paperwork
- Communicate with numerous multidisciplinary team members and family members
- Follow-up contact with non-offending parent following interview
- Assist forensic interviewer with reports
- Support and guide family members and children during interview process

Hampden County District Attorney's Office - Springfield, MA

January – May 2013

Victim/Witness Advocate Intern

- Increase public awareness about domestic violence
- Assist individuals applying for restraining orders (209A) and harassment orders (258E)
- Navigate and accompany victims through court processes
- Provide information, support and safety plans

TRAINING

- NH 2021 Victim Assistance Academy
- MA Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Counselor Training
- MA Address Confidentiality Program Application Assistant
- NH Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Advocate Training

REFERENCES

Provided upon request