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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 Michael S. Garrity (Position #9U633, Appropriation #02-20-20-200010-2601-014-500134) as Director of Communications at a salary level of \$112,770 (LG FF, Step 7), effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, for a term ending June 30, 2029.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Garrity graduated from Emerson College in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Journalism. After graduation, he worked as a reporter and anchor for KDRV-TV (ABC) in Medford, Oregon (2002-2004), WWBT-TV (NBC) in Richmond, Virginia (2004-2007), KSDK-TV (NBC) in St. Louis, Missouri (2007-2010), and WMUR-TV (ABC) in Manchester (2010-2012). Following his work as a broadcast journalist, he focused on strategic communications as a Media Relations Representative for the University of Houston (2013-2014) and Content Producer for BP America (2012-2015). He was a National Producer at Fox News Network (2015-2018) before becoming a Segment/Field Producer for "The Story with Martha MacCallum" (2018-2021). Since that time, he served as a Segment/Special Projects Producer for "Fox News Primetime" and Coordinating/Line Producer for "Sunday Night in America with Trey Gowdy." Mr. Garrity joined the Department of Justice as Director of Communications in 2022.

RSA 94:1-a, I(b) provides that the Department of Justice Director of Communications shall be salaried at Labor Grade FF. His salary will remain the same. A copy of his resume is attached.

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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Garrity's reappointment as Director of Communications 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", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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MICHAEL S. GARRITY

Director of Communications & Legislative Affairs, New Hampshire Department of Justice, Concord, NH
(March 2022 – Present):

Serving as the Department's communications strategist, public information officer, and spokesperson, Garrity, a nonpartisan career journalist, is responsible for the timely dissemination of accurate information to the public on matters of significant public interest or concern. He is the Department's 24/7/365 central point of contact for the media - synthesizing complex information regarding legal matters central to State government, Department operations, and public safety. Garrity is also responsible for coordinating the Department's Legislative efforts, including presentations before the Legislature, interacting directly with the Attorney General; senior Department leadership; as well as elected officials.

Primary Duties:

- Writing/disseminating public information of interest via press releases and statements; coordinating press conferences & media availabilities; providing crisis communications strategy to respond to immediate or serious incidents state-wide; and scrupulously observing professional obligations under the law and within the rules of professional conduct regarding crime victims' right and the public's right-to-know.
- Serving as the primary point of contact for all media inquiries related to issues facing the Department, its cases, and investigations, coordinating appropriate responses with key Department personnel, and delivering information within strict deadlines against a backdrop of emerging and shifting priorities.
- Providing messaging and branding support for major presentations, including State budget and other proposals, significant legal issues, as well as the Department's website and social media profiles.
- Delivering strategic guidance and preparing leadership and Department representatives before media interviews, or other public-facing events.
- Tracking media coverage, seeking opportunities for media coverage, recommending improvements, and providing continuous strategy enhancements to ensure strong messaging and greater transparency for the people of New Hampshire.

Network Television News Producer, Fox News Channel - New York, NY:

- Coordinating/Line Producer, "Sunday Night in America with Trey Gowdy" (June 2021-March 2022)
- Segment/Special Projects Producer, "Fox News Primetime" (January 2021-June 2021)
- Segment/Field Producer, "The Story with Martha MacCallum" (January 2018-January 2021)
- National Producer, Fox News Network (September 2015- January 2018)

Strategic Communications Consultant/Content Producer - Principal Client: BP America (September 2012-September 2015)

Media Relations Representative, University of Houston - Houston, TX (May 2013-September 2014)

Reporter/Anchor, WMUR-TV (ABC) - Manchester, NH (September 2010 – September 2012)

Reporter/Anchor, KSDK-TV (NBC) - St. Louis, MO (March 2007 – September 2010)

Reporter/Anchor, WWBT-TV (NBC) – Richmond, VA (August 2004 – March 2007)

Weekend Anchor/Reporter, KDRV-TV (ABC) – Medford, OR (August 2002 – August 2004)

Bachelor of Science, Broadcast Journalism, Emerson College - Boston, MA (1998-2002)

Selected Participant, Saudi-American Exchange - Riyadh & Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (Spring 2002)

Recipient, U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Valor – Rescued drowning woman off Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in 2005.