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July 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 appoint Amanda N. Purcell to Position #9U608 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26110000-059-500117), as an Attorney at a salary level of \$82,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or August 23, 2024, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Purcell, an Alexandria, Virginia resident, is in the process of moving to Auburn. She earned her Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in Public Policy from the College of William and Mary in 2015. While there, she was active in the Roosevelt Institute Campus Network as Policy Editor (2012-13) and Vice President (2013-15). She received her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from American University Washington College of Law in 2019. During law school she was Senior Staff for *American University Law Review*, Merit Scholarship recipient, Best Oralist in her Legal Rhetoric Section, and Legal Intern at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Office of Consumer Protection. She was a Law Clerk at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 2020 to 2022. Since 2022, she has been working for Amentum and assigned as Staff Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Consumer Protection Branch. Ms. Purcell is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and will be approved for admission without examination to the New Hampshire Bar. Considering Ms. Purcell's experience, I am requesting she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$82,000. She will be assigned to the Consumer Protection Bureau. A copy of her resume is attached.

RSA 21:M-3 and RSA 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

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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 Ms. Purcell's appointment as an Attorney 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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AMANDA PURCELL

EDUCATION

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC
Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2019; GPA: 3.70 (Top 20%)

Honors: *American University Law Review*, Senior Staff
WCL Merit Scholarship; Dean's List Scholarship; Certificate of Excellence, Legal Rhetoric Citation, Writing, and Research Exam; Best Oralist, Legal Rhetoric Section Nine Motions Arguments

Activities: Health Law & Policy Students Association

College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy, *magna cum laude*, minor in Classical Studies, May 2015

Activities: Roosevelt Institute Campus Network, *Vice President* (2013–15), *Policy Editor* (2012–13)

EXPERIENCE

Amentum, Washington, DC

- ◆ *Staff Attorney at Consumer Protection Branch (CPB) of the U.S. Department of Justice*, August 2022–present

Provide investigation and litigation support (with witness interviews, case strategy, legal theory, high-volume document review, search warrants, subpoenas, motions, trial exhibits, correspondence with opposing counsel, data analysis, etc.) for CPB trial attorneys on criminal and civil cases involving, e.g., health care fraud; clinical trial fraud; wire fraud; identity theft; and violations of the Controlled Substances Act, the Federal Trade Commission Act, and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

- ◆ *Law Clerk to Senior Judges Bartnoff, Dixon, Mitchell-Rankin, and Rankin*, March 2020–August 2022
Drafted orders; prepared bench memoranda, case jackets, and annotated calendars; attended and assisted with remote hearings and bench trials (mainly domestic violence and judge-in-chambers matters); did legal research; and handled chambers correspondence.

Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, Consumer Law Unit, Washington, DC

- ◆ *Volunteer Attorney*, January 28, 2020–February 2020
Participated in the Debt Defense Courthouse Project, which provides same-day legal services in the D.C. Superior Court Small Claims and Conciliation Branch. Researched and drafted arguments to defend consumers in debt collection and foreclosure cases.

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Office of Consumer Protection, Washington, DC

- ◆ *Legal Intern*, January 2019–April 2019
- ◆ *Summer Associate*, May 2018–August 2018

Drafted declarations, requests for production, interrogatories, warning letters, and responses to consumer complaints. Partially drafted a motion for summary judgment, an opposition to a motion to stay, requests for admissions, and subpoenas for cases involving unfair and deceptive business practices. Researched and wrote memoranda on, e.g., exclusion of otherwise discoverable evidence and drip pricing as a deceptive trade practice.

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U.S. Department of Justice, Consumer Protection Branch, Washington, DC

- ◆ *Legal Intern*, August 2018–November 2018

Was part of a criminal investigative team on a clinical trial fraud case: used e-discovery software to prepare a twenty-six-page outline of interview questions for a key witness. Drafted annotated jury instructions for a compounding pharmacy's violations of federal law and prepared research memoranda regarding, e.g., a motion for return of evidence in a supplement adulteration case.

American University Washington College of Law, Legal Rhetoric Department, Washington, DC

- ◆ *Dean's Fellow (Writing)*, August 2017–April 2019

Taught first-year students about legal writing (for, e.g., memoranda and motions to dismiss), structure, grammar, and citation.

The Honorable Robert S. Adler, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Bethesda, MD

- ◆ *Legal Intern*, June 2017–August 2017
- ◆ *Staff Assistant*, June 2015–August 2016

Edited and provided feedback on the Commissioner's statements. Wrote memoranda on product safety issues and drafted newspaper articles. Reviewed intra-agency documents, especially briefing packages for proposed rules and consent decrees.

Purcell Law Office, P.L.L.C., Portsmouth, NH

- ◆ *Legal Assistant*, November 2015–December 2015

Assisted attorneys in N.H. Superior Court trial of a federal and state disability discrimination and retaliation case (*Stabile v. N.H. Dept. of Health & Human Services*, No. 217-2014-CV-00055). Wrote *voir dire* questions and part of closing argument. Analyzed N.H. state budgets to rebut affirmative defense. Prepared trial notebook and exhibits.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bar Membership: Member of the D.C. Bar. (Bar No.: 1673106)

Publications: Amanda Purcell, Comment, *Using the Public Nuisance Doctrine to Combat Antibiotic Resistance*, 68 AM. U. L. REV. 339 (2018); Katie Greenberg & Amanda Purcell, *Raising the Minimum Wage for Workers with Disabilities Dependent on Mere Good Will*, 10 IDEAS FOR EQUAL JUSTICE, 2014, at 20, <http://rooseveltinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/218434504-10-Ideas-for-Equal-Justice-2014.pdf>.

Skills: French (basic), Latin (intermediate), Relativity, Everlaw, CourtView, digital image editing, creative writing

Interests: My German Shepherd, Strider; science fiction; alternative rock; etymology; neuroscience; board games