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October 2, 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 Keely Lovato to Position #9U737 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2613-013-500132), as an Attorney at a salary level of \$80,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or October 18, 2024, whichever is later.

**EXPLANATION**

Ms. Lovato, a Boston resident, is in the process of moving to New Hampshire. She earned her Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in Biology from Kenyon College in 2020, where she was a Merit Scholar for five semesters and Captain of the Varsity Cross Country Team. She earned her Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law in 2023. During law school she was an Evidence Teaching Assistant for Professor Daniel Medwed, served on the Executive Board of the Environmental Law Society, and interned with the Conservation Law Foundation and Earthjustice Clean Energy Program. Also in 2023, she received her Master's Degree in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School, where she graduated with distinction and received Academic Excellence Awards in Legal Essentials of the Energy Grid and Environmental Governance and the Private Sector. Since August 2023, Ms. Lovato has been a Law Clerk for Associate Justice Serge Georges at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Ms. Lovato is a member of the Massachusetts Bar and will be approved for admission without examination to the New Hampshire Bar. Considering Ms. Lovato's experience, I am requesting she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$80,000. She will be assigned to the Environmental 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. Lovato'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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# Keely Lovato

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts, December 2023

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Boston, MA**

August 2023 - Present

*Law Clerk for Associate Justice Serge Georges, Full-time*

Draft judicial opinions on civil and criminal cases. Assist the court in preparing for oral arguments by writing recitation memorandums. Review applications for further appellate review and supervise legal interns.

**Earthjustice Clean Energy Program, New York, NY**

January 2023 - April 2023

*Legal Intern, Full-time*

Researched and drafted an appeal of the Department of Energy's determination that records sought by Earthjustice were exempt from disclosure under Freedom of Information Act. Investigated "right to mine" cryptocurrency legislation in three states and worked on several assignments related to cryptocurrency and energy investments in Pennsylvania. Researched the legitimacy and purpose of the Federal Power Act's notice provision.

**Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Boston, MA**

January 2022 - May 2022

*Judicial Intern, Full-time*

Wrote five recitation memorandums on cases before the court, which summarized the facts, analyzed the parties' arguments, and provided recommendations to the court as to how it should decide the case. Reviewed applications for further appellate review and made recommendations to the court regarding whether review was warranted.

**Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA**

September 2021 - December 2021

*Research Assistant, 10 hours per week*

Conducted substantive cite-checking for an article about natural resource scarcity and climate change in the context of property rights that was published in the *Columbia Law Review*. Cite-checked footnotes for a book about race and financial justice.

**Conservation Law Foundation, Boston, MA**

May 2021 - August 2021

*Legal Intern, Full-time*

Worked on assignments related to New England Superfund sites and climate resilience, which involved researching claims under common law, Federal statutes including CERCLA, RCRA, and various utility regulations. Wrote numerous research memoranda, contributed to reports, and gave a presentation at a symposium to over 80 people.

## EDUCATION

**Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA**

Juris Doctor, May 2023

- Honors: Merit Scholarship
- Publications: Legal Mapping for Resilience: Navajo Nation, <http://humanright2water.org/publications/>
- Teaching Assistant: Evidence; Professor Daniel Medwed, Fall 2022
- Activities: Executive Board Environmental Law Society
- IL Social Justice Project: Worked with Eastbay Sanctuary, a nonprofit dedicated to helping asylum seekers, on a white paper on trauma-informed lawyering.

**Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT**

Master's Degree in Environmental Law and Policy, May 2023

- Honors: Graduated with distinction, received Academic Excellence Awards in Legal Essentials of the Energy Grid and Environmental Governance and the Private Sector

**Kenyon College, Gambier, OH**

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, in Biology, Anthropology minor, May 2020

- Honors: Merit list, five semesters
- Activities: Varsity Cross Country, Captain; Varsity Track
- Research Assistant: Kenyon College Biology Department (Fall 2017-Spring 2020); Northeastern University Biology Department (Summer 2018); University of New Mexico Biology Department (Summer 2019)