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**ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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December 4, 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 Laura J. Raymond to Position #9U359 (Appropriation #02-20-20-201010-2620-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$83,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or January 10, 2025, whichever is later, for a term ending June 30, 2028.

**EXPLANATION**

Ms. Raymond, a Manchester resident, earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Mandarin Chinese from the College of the Holy Cross in 2016, and a Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law in 2022. During law school, she was Student Bar Association Treasurer (2019-2021), Intern in this Department's Administrative Prosecutions Unit (2020), Legal Analysis and Writing Teaching Assistant (2020-2021), and *The University of New Hampshire Law Review* Chief Articles Editor (2021-2022). She was selected for and graduated from the Daniel Webster Scholar's program. She is admitted to practice in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Ms. Raymond joined McLane Middleton, P.A., in September 2022 as an Associate Attorney in the Litigation Department. Her duties there included participation in evidentiary hearings and witness examinations, conducting discovery in state and federal cases, and preparing legal memoranda and briefs. She joined the Department in 2023 and was assigned to the Civil Law Bureau's Civil Litigation Unit. She has contributed to her community and profession by serving as Vice-President of the Manchester City Library Foundation, member of the New Hampshire Bar Association New Lawyers Committee, and Networking Committee member for the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association. I plan to continue her current assignment in the Civil Law Bureau. Her salary will increase by \$3,000 from \$80,000 to \$83,000. A copy of her resume is attached.

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RSA 21-M:3 and RSA 94:1-a(I)(c)(3) provide that the 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.

I am very pleased to offer Ms. Raymond's appointment as an Assistant Attorney General 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 "John M. Formella", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

John M. Formella  
Attorney General

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# Laura J. Raymond

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## **BAR ADMISSIONS AND INVOLVEMENT**

- Admitted in New Hampshire and the District of New Hampshire
- Chair, New Hampshire Women's Bar Association Programming Committee

## **EDUCATION**

### **University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law – Concord, NH**

J.D., *cum laude*, May 2022

Daniel Webster Scholar

*The University of New Hampshire Law Review*, Chief Articles Editor, 2021-22

Legal Analysis and Writing Teaching Assistant, 2020-21

Student Bar Association, Treasurer, 2019-21

### **College of the Holy Cross – Worcester, MA**

B.A.s in Political Science and Mandarin Chinese, May 2016

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **N.H. Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General – Concord, NH**

Attorney, Civil Litigation Unit, Division of Legal Counsel, Dec. 2023-present

- Represent various State agencies in state and federal trial courts and independently manage caseload of 30-40 civil litigation matters in all postures
- Participate in mediations and resolve cases as appropriate
- Serve as Attorney General's Designee in YDC Claims Fund and:
  - Oversee and direct AG Office's participation in YDC Claims Fund, including co-managing internal two-member staff
  - Implement internal and external policies and procedures for efficient claim management and coordinate frequently with counsel for various parties
  - Manage outside counsel team of approximately 18 attorneys and staff
  - Represent AG Office's positions in claims resolutions and to external parties
  - Assist with management of \$160 million budget, in part by negotiating resolutions of more than 50 claims totaling over \$18 million to date
  - Testify before Legislature as needed and communicate effectively and professionally with Attorney General, Director of Legal Counsel, Claims Administration, media, and external stakeholders

### **McLane Middleton, Professional Association – Manchester, NH**

Associate Attorney – Litigation Department, Sept. 2022-Dec. 2023

- Analyzed legal and factual issues on new and existing cases and drafted memoranda and briefs
- Communicated professionally with internal stakeholders, courts, and clients
- Participated in mediations representing both plaintiffs and defendants