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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
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 Meaghan A. Jepsen as an Attorney to Position #9U740 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2623-013-500132) at a salary level of $93,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or May 16, 2025, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Jepsen, a New Boston resident, earned her Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, in History and English, from the University of New Hampshire in 2010, and her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2015. In law school she was a Daniel Webster Scholar, Chief Notes Editor of the *UNH Law Review*, and a Teaching Assistant in Legal Analysis and Writing and Daniel Webster Scholar Pretrial Advocacy courses. After graduating from law school, she served for two years as a Superior Court Law Clerk with the New Hampshire Judicial Branch. In September 2017, she began practicing as an Associate Attorney at Ransmeier & Spellman, P.C., and was named a Director of the firm in 2020. Her practice focused on civil litigation in state and federal court. She assisted in the management of the firm as a member of its marketing and technology committees. She is admitted to practice in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Considering Ms. Jepsen's experience, I am requesting that she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of $93,000. She will be assigned to the Public Safety and Infrastructure Bureau. Her resume is attached.

RSA 21-M:3 and RSA 94:1-a(I)(c) 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. Jepsen'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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Meaghan A. Jepsen

EXPERIENCE

Ransmeier & Spellman P.C., Concord, NH
Attorney, September 2017-present

- Started at the firm as an associate and became a director in November 2020
- Focus on civil litigation in state and federal court and appellate work in a variety of practice areas; also assist clients with administrative and municipal hearings and certain transactional matters outside the courtroom
- Practice areas include: property disputes, petitions to partition, contract disputes, zoning and planning board appeals, AoT permit disputes, and employment disputes, among others
- Draft complaints and answers, motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, pretrial memoranda, post-trial memoranda, and appellate briefs, among other motions and pleadings
- Conduct discovery, including drafting discovery requests, responding to discovery requests, and conducting and defending depositions
- Advocate for clients at hearings, trials, and mediation sessions; and counsel clients outside of litigation
- As a member of the firm's board of directors, assist in the management of the firm, including serving on its marketing committee and technology committee

New Hampshire Judicial Branch, Concord, NH
Superior Court Law Clerk, August 2015-August 2017

- Worked closely with judges while researching and writing draft orders regarding bench trials, summary judgment motions, motions to dismiss, motions to suppress, planning board appeals, preliminary injunctions, discovery motions, motions in limine, motions for new trial, and DMV appeals, among others

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH

- JD, *cum laude*, May 2015
- GPA: 3.6
- Chief Notes Editor, UNH Law Review
- Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program
- Teaching Assistant: Legal Analysis & Writing and DWS Pretrial Advocacy
- Judicial Extern for New Hampshire Supreme Court Justice Robert J. Lynn, August-December 2014

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

- BA, *summa cum laude*, History and English, May 2010
- GPA: 3.91
- Degree achieved in three years
- Study Abroad: University of Cambridge, England, July-August 2009

HONORS and ACTIVITIES

- 2022-2024 New England Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, Civil Litigation: Plaintiff
- 2024-2025 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America (Labor and Employment Law- Management; Litigation- Labor and Employment; Municipal Law)
- 2025 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America (Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation; Litigation-Real Estate)

- Member of the New Hampshire Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Committee
- Member of the New Hampshire Minimum Continuing Legal Education Board
- Member of the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association
- Member of the New Hampshire Association for Justice
- Trustee for the New Hampshire Supreme Court Society

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Hampshire (2015)
- Massachusetts (2015)
- U.S. District Court District of New Hampshire (2017)
- U.S. District Court District of Massachusetts (2021)
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims (2021)