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May 16, 2025

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 Laurie S. Young as an Attorney to Position #9U288 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2620-013-500132) at a salary level of $90,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or June 13, 2025, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Young, a resident of Madbury, earned her Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English Education from Toccoa Falls College in Georgia in 2011, and her Juris Doctor from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2014. During the summer of 2013, she was a Janet D. Steiger Fellow in our Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau. Following law school graduation, she was hired as an Associate Attorney at Wyskiel Boc Tillinghast and Bolduc, where her practice focused on complex litigation matters, administrative hearings, and appeals to the Social Security Appeals Council and Federal District Court. Ms. Young joined the Office of Public Guardian as a Staff Attorney in 2017 and litigated matters related to guardianship in state and federal court as well as appeals to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. She returned to Wyskiel Boc Tillinghast and Bolduc in 2022 to oversee complex probate and property issues, including breach of fiduciary duty claims. Since 2023, she has been Litigation Counsel for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and a liaison to this department's Civil Litigation Unit for DHHS related litigation. Ms. Young has been active in her community as a Commissioner of the Dover Housing Authority (2023 to present), member of the New Hampshire Women's Bar Association Board (2023 to present), member of the Board of Directors of the Symore Osman Community Center (2015 to present), and co-chair of the New Lawyers Committee of the New Hampshire Bar Association (2022 to 2024). She is admitted to practice law in New Hampshire and Maine. Considering Ms. Young's experience, I am

requesting that she be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of $90,000. She will be assigned to the Civil Bureau's Civil Litigation Unit. 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. Young'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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Laurie Smith Young

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
Litigation Counsel (July 2023 – present)

- Act as liaison to the NH Department of Justice Civil Litigation Unit for all DHHS involved litigation, which includes regular meetings with litigators and appearing as needed with DOJ at hearings and trials and maintaining the docket for internal stakeholders.
- Ensure discovery obligations are met, by translating discovery requests to DHHS program areas, naming custodians, proposing search terms and reviewing responses for completion.
- Act as counsel to DHHS and provide advice on litigation matters and program area improvement based on litigation or discovery trends.
- Manage competing deadlines and communicating effectively with DHHS employees and DOJ employees to ensure tasks are appropriately scheduled and completed.
- Utilize and manage technology, such as Everlaw, to improve efficiencies and completion of discovery obligations.
- Understand and document the data maintained by DHHS in order to adequately search and complete discovery requests and right to know requests.
- Respond to subpoenas and other information requests that require complex document collection.
- Draft internal policy initiatives for data retention best practices and litigation hold.
- Act as custodian of records for civil and criminal trials by providing written affidavits and testimony at trial and in depositions.
- Manage paralegal staff that act as litigation support.
- Testify before the legislature as a legislative liaison.

Wyskiel Boc Tillinghast and Bolduc, PA
Attorney (March 2022 – June 2023)

- Handled complex probate and property matters, including breach of fiduciary duty claims and management of wayward estates and guardianships mishandled by prior attorneys or fiduciaries.

Office of Public Guardian
Staff Attorney (October 2017- March 2022)

- Litigated court matters related to guardianship on behalf of the organization, including termination of guardianships, electroconvulsive therapy, involuntary commitments and other various motions as needed.
- Represented OPG in appellate matters before the NH Supreme Court as needed.
- Appeared in Federal and Superior Court matters as needed, such as for habeas corpus matters.
- Provided knowledge base on public benefits and supervise all administrative appeals regarding public benefits, such as Social Security, Medicaid, and area agency services.
- Led staff investigations into financial exploitation of wards or beneficiaries by third parties and litigated cases in equity against the third parties.
- Supervised property management team and oversaw real estate transactions.

Wyskiel Boc Tillinghast and Bolduc, PA
Associate Attorney (October 2014 – October 2017)

- Assisted in complex litigation matters including organizing discovery, drafting pleadings and memorandums of law.
- Advocated for federal benefit claimants, including bringing appeals before the Federal District Court, before administrative hearings, and before the Social Security Appeals Council.

New Hampshire Department of Justice

Janet D. Steiger Fellow

Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau (Summer 2013)

Drafted briefs and research memoranda, including a NH Supreme Court criminal appeal. Organized discovery for ongoing investigations of NH Consumer Protection Act violations. Researched antitrust issues at the state level.

National Education Association of New Hampshire

Public Interest Fellow and Law Clerk (Summer 2012)

Educated union members about legal issues by giving presentations. Researched and drafted memoranda of law for the supervising attorneys. Prepared and attended hearings at various administrative agencies. Authored documents to inform union members about current legal issues.

EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law, J.D., 2014

Honors: Doris Monroe Rapee Memorial Scholarship recipient

Activities: Trustee and Dean Liaison, 2013-2014; Student Bar Association 2L Governor, 2012 – 2013; Admissions Ambassador, 2012 – 2014; Teen Court Mentor, 2011-2012; America Reads Tutor, 2011-2013.

Toccoa Falls College, B.S. in Secondary English Education; Minor: Biblical Theology

BARS ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice law in New Hampshire, Maine (inactive), USDC New Hampshire, USDC Vermont and USDC Maine.

NOTABLE EXPERIENCE

State Trial Experience

Advocated for clients in 50+ bench trials in probate and district courts throughout the state of New Hampshire.

Federal Experience: United States District Court of New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont

Represented federal benefit clients in both written brief and appellate oral argument in federal courts throughout New England, maintaining a successful contingency-based appellate practice.

New Hampshire Supreme Court Experience

Argued, in brief and oral argument, an issue of first impression regarding an incapacitated person's right to marry;
Argued, in brief only, an appeal setting the standard of review for guardians consenting to electroconvulsive therapy.

PRESENTATIONS

New Hampshire Probate Process from Start to Finish, National Business Institute, October 2022, Online
Traps for the Unwary: Worker's Compensation, New Hampshire Bar Association, June 2021, Online
Traps for the Unwary: Landlord Tenant, New Hampshire Bar Association, May 2021, Online
Advance Directive and Guardianship Laws in New Hampshire, Social Work Oncology Group, January 2020, Concord, New Hampshire.
Advance Directives: Helping Patients Choose and Families Understand, National Association of Social Workers, New Hampshire Chapter Annual Conference, May 2019, Whitefield, New Hampshire.
First Circuit Social Security Trends and Updates, National Organization of Social Security Representatives, September 2017, Scottsdale, Arizona.
Mentor or Tormentor? How to Mentor New Lawyers for Success, National Organization of Social Security Representatives, June 2017, Washington, DC.
Traps for the Unwary: Business Corporations, Lunch and Learn New Hampshire Bar Association, January 2017.

COMMUNITY

Dover Housing Authority
Commissioner 2023- present

Seymore Osman Community Center
Board of Directors 2015- Present

New Hampshire Women's Bar Association
Board Member, 2023 - present

New Hampshire Bar Association
Co-Chair, New Lawyers Committee 2022 - 2024