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October 27, 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 Katherine (Kat) Mail as an Attorney to Position #9U053 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2623-013-500132) at a salary level of \$85,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or November 14, 2025, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Mail, a Concord resident, earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from The College of William and Mary, *summa cum laude*, in 2017, where she was President of the Mock Trial Team, and her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from the University of Michigan Law School in 2021, where she was a Darrow Scholar, and Executive Editor of the *Michigan Law Review*. From 2021 to 2023, she clerked at the New Hampshire Supreme Court for the Hon. James P. Bassett, where she drafted bench memoranda and assisted drafting opinions on a wide range of civil and criminal cases presenting issues of state and federal constitutional law, civil and criminal procedure, administrative law, and statutory interpretation. Ms. Mail joined Preti Flaherty LLP, in 2023, where she served as a litigation associate. Since 2023, she has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of New Hampshire, where she taught a Mock Trial course, created and taught a Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) Preparation Course. Ms. Mail has been active in her community as an Associate Member of the Daniel Webster-Batchelder Inns of Court, and as Vice President of Board of Directors of Yoga by Donation. She is admitted to practice law in New Hampshire and the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire. Considering Ms. Mail's experience, I am requesting that she be appointed as an Attorney with a salary of \$85,000. She will be assigned to the Public Safety and Infrastructure Bureau. Her resume is attached.

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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. Mail'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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Kat Mail

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL

Ann Arbor, MI

Juris Doctor, cum laude

May 2021

Honors: Darrow Scholar (full tuition and stipend merit award)
Michigan Law Review Award for Exceptional Journal Service

Journal: Executive Editor, *Michigan Law Review*

Activities: Campbell Moot Court, two-time Quarterfinalist

THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Williamsburg, VA

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, summa cum laude

December 2017

Activities: President, Mock Trial Team

Honors: Multiple national mock trial awards & participant in AMTA National Championship

EXPERIENCE

PRETI FLAHERTY LLP

Concord, NH

Litigation Associate October 2023–Present

- Successfully briefed a multi-million-dollar land use appeal before the New Hampshire Supreme Court involving environmental permitting and statutory interpretation.
- Represented clients in litigation over road classification disputes, including preparing dispositive motions requiring engagement with historical state records and local ordinances, and other land-use matters.
- Defended the City of Nashua in a matter involving sale of a public works facility and successfully blocked preliminary injunction against the City in a high-profile federal constitutional matter.
- Represented owners, contractors, and subcontractors in construction litigation, with emphasis on public infrastructure projects and contract disputes.
- Provided research and drafting national class action litigation asserting federal Takings Clause claims related to tax foreclosure sales.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Durham, NH

Adjunct Professor

August 2023–Present

- Taught a for-credit Mock Trial course, coaching students in trial advocacy, evidentiary analysis, and strategic case theory in preparation for intercollegiate competitions
- Created and taught a for-credit LSAT Preparation course, training aspiring law students in logic, structured argumentation, and reading comprehension
- Mentored aspiring law students, emphasizing persuasive communication and ethical advocacy

NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT

Concord, NH

Clerk for Justice James P. Bassett

September 2021–August 2023

- Drafted bench memoranda and assisted in drafting majority, concurring, and dissenting opinions on a wide range of civil and criminal appeals presenting issues of state and federal constitutional law, civil and criminal procedure, administrative law, and statutory interpretation
- Developed expertise in complex legal research methodologies, including historical statutory interpretation and archival research across digital and physical sources, to support high-level judicial analysis
- Gained intimate knowledge of appellate procedure, judicial decision-making, and the internal deliberative process of a state high court

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR PUBLIC RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP (CPRL)

Remote

Student Attorney

January–May 2021

- Interviewed educators and school administrators to develop strategies for how Texas Education Agency could better serve K-12 English learners
- Synthesized complicated data from interviews into a report and presentation for state leadership

BAR MEMBERSHIP

State of New Hampshire
United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Daniel Webster-Batchelder Inns of Court — Associate Member

Yoga by Donation — Vice President of Board of Directors

ADDITIONAL

Spanish — Intermediate (level B2) Spanish proficiency (speaking, reading & writing); aiming for fluency

Theater & Storytelling — Directed *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (2024) and *Romeo & Juliet* (2025); won the 2024 New Hampshire Theater Award for Best Actress in a Play (*Macbeth*); won BYU's "Law Stories on the Mainstage" nationwide competition