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February 12, 2026

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 Whit Skinner as an Attorney to Position #9U361 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2904-013-500132) at a salary level of \$100,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or March 6, 2026, whichever is later. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

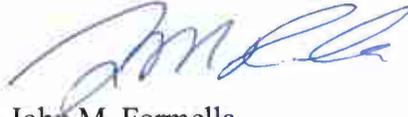
Mr. Skinner, an Alexandria resident, earned his Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from Montana State University at Billings in 2010, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2013. Mr. Skinner began his legal career in February 2015 as an Associate Attorney in Criminal Defense at Nehring Law Office PLLC in Williston, North Dakota, where he practiced until September 2016. He then joined the Williams County State Attorney's Office in Williston, North Dakota as an Assistant State Attorney until January 2018. Mr. Skinner relocated to New Hampshire in January 2018, and joined the Belknap County Attorney's Office in Laconia, New Hampshire, where he was promoted to First Assistant in June 2024. Considering Mr. Skinner's experience, I am requesting that he be appointed as an Attorney with a salary of \$100,000. He will be assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau's Drug Prosecution Unit. His 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.

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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Skinner'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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Position Applying For: Attorney for Office of New Hampshire Attorney General

Qualifications:

- Juris Doctorate
- Licensed Member of NH Bar Association
- Justice of the Peace
- Belknap County Recovery Court Representative
- 10+ Years of Criminal Law Experience
- 30+ Jury Trials

Education:

University of Idaho College of Law Juris Doctorate: Law Moscow, Idaho	2013
Montana State University at Billings Bachelor of Arts: Environmental Studies Billings, Montana	2010

Experience:

Belknap County Attorney's Office First Assistant (promoted in June of 2024) Laconia, NH	January 2018 to Present
Williams County State Attorney's Office Assistant State Attorney Williston, ND	September 2016 to January 2018
Nehring Law Office PLLC, Private Practice Associate Attorney, Criminal Defense Williston, ND	February 2015 to September 2016
Ada County Courthouse Judicial Internship - Judge Michael McLaughlin Boise, ID	May 2011 to August 2011
R.M. Skinner Joiner, Inc. Carpentry, timber framing, restoration, finish work Acworth, NH	June 2002 to December 2014
W.S. Badger Balm Production, Assembly, Warehouse Gilsum, NH	March 2014 to August 2014
Fall Mountain Regional High School Substitute teacher - Spanish Langdon, NH	January 2008 to June 2008
Star Island Corporation Carpentry, painting, maintenance, fire-fighter Isles of Shoals, NH	June 2001 to August 2002

Key Attributes:

- Ability to work calmly and efficiently under pressure
- High attention to detail
- Ability to work effectively within a team
- Experience in training new attorneys
- Always treats others with professionalism and respect