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March 6, 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 Robert J. Rabuck as an Attorney to Position #9U677 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2620-013-500132) at a salary level of \$115,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or April 3, 2026, whichever is later. 100% General Funds.

**EXPLANATION**

Mr. Rabuck, a Concord resident, has been a member of the New Hampshire Bar since 1986. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in History and English from Dickinson College and his Juris Doctorate from Western New England College of Law. He joined the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire in 2002 and retired from that office in 2025. Beginning as an Assistant United States Attorney, he subsequently entrusted with additional duties as the Asset Forfeiture Coordinator (2007 to 2025), First Assistant (January to May 2022), and Chief of the Civil Division (2021 to 2025). In the latter capacity he was responsible for a wide range of district court and appellate litigation, both affirmative and defensive, while overseeing all civil litigation and appeals involving the United States in New Hampshire and the First Circuit, and supervising the Civil Division's team of attorneys and support staff. Among other professional honors and awards, he earned the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Asset Forfeiture Achievement Award in 2008 and the New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association recognition for Outstanding Contribution and Dedication to the Field of Narcotic Law Enforcement in 2011. Considering Mr. Rabuck's experience, I am requesting that he be appointed as an Attorney with a salary of \$115,000. He will be assigned to the Civil Law Bureau's Civil Litigation Unit. His 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 Mr. Rabuck'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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## CAREER SUMMARY

Seasoned and respected attorney, who has handled and supervised hundreds of cases at all levels of complexity, from initial investigations to final appeal, in state and federal court. Decades of experience in the Department of Justice, successively holding positions as an AUSA, Asset Forfeiture Coordinator, Civil Chief, and First Assistant United States Attorney. Former member of Department of Justice Working Groups and Court committees.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **CHIEF, CIVIL DIVISION** | US Attorney's Office District of New Hampshire | **August 2021 – May 2025**

Supervised all civil litigation and appeals involving the United States in New Hampshire and the First Circuit and managed the Civil Division's team of Assistant United States Attorneys and support staff.

Handled a wide range of district court and appellate litigation, both affirmative and defensive, with one of the largest caseloads in the office.

Appointed to the Department of Justice Civil Chiefs' Working Group (2022 -2025); also appointed to the Federal Court Advisory Committee and the Local Rules Subcommittee for the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire (2021-2025).

### **FIRST ASSISTANT** | USAO District of New Hampshire | **January 2022 – May 2022**

Principal deputy to the United States Attorney. Responsible for overseeing and managing the day-to-day operations of the United States Attorney's Office.

### **ASSET FORFEITURE COORDINATOR** | USAO District of New Hampshire | **April 2007-May 2025**

Oversaw or handled all civil and criminal asset forfeiture litigation and returned tens of millions of dollars in crime proceeds to victims and law enforcement agencies; participated in criminal investigations and grand jury presentations; reviewed all indictments and plea agreements in cases involving forfeiture; prepared forfeiture jury instructions; attended sentencing; gave annual instruction to the Criminal Division on asset forfeiture topics; received numerous law enforcement awards; nationally recognized subject matter expert.

Appointed to the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Working Group (2014 – 2025).

Also served as the district's SAR Working Group Coordinator (2005 – 2025).

### **ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY** | USAO District of New Hampshire | **November 2002– May 2025**

Represented Executive Branch agencies and employees in the United States District Court and the First Circuit (over 800 dockets), concerning: the Federal Tort Claims Act, constitutional torts, prisoner litigation, immigration, employment discrimination, environmental litigation, executive orders, fraud, bankruptcy, asset forfeiture and recovery, judicial review of agency action under the APA, FOIA, Touhy, and requests for judicial assistance from foreign courts under the Hague Convention and multilateral assistance treaties.

### **PRIVATE FIRMS**

**1986 - 2002**

- Civil and appellate practice

## EDUCATION

**JURIS DOCTORATE** | Western New England College of Law |

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE** | History & English | Dickinson College

**HONORS & AWARDS**

- New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association **Outstanding Contribution and Dedication to the Field of Narcotic Law Enforcement** 2011
- Department of Homeland Security/ICE **Asset Forfeiture Achievement Award** 2008
- United States Marshals Service **Director's Litigation Team Award for United States v. Brown** 2008
- Office of National Drug Control Policy-Executive Office of the President **Outstanding Achievement and Significant Contributions to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program** 2007
- Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Awards **Multiple awards: Operation Pill Pusher; Operation Spring Place; Operation Deer Hunter; Operation Brown Shirt; Operation Big Papa**

**PROFESSIONAL LECTURE EXPERIENCE**

Has lectured or presented at:

NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER,  
FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF PROSECUTORIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE BASIC DRUG SCHOOL,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE BANKERS ASSOCIATION,  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW,  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

New Hampshire; US District Court, District of New Hampshire; US Bankruptcy Court, District of New Hampshire; First Circuit Court of Appeals.