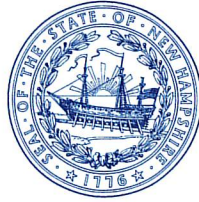


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May 29, 2026

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 Robyn A. Guarino to Position #9U607 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26200000-013-500132) as an Assistant Attorney General at a salary level of \$115,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or June 26, 2026, whichever is later, for a term ending September 16, 2027. 100% General Funds.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Guarino, a Concord resident, earned her Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, from Florida State University in 1992, where she graduated *Phi Beta Kappa*. She was awarded a Juris Doctor, with Honors, from Florida State University, College of Law, in 1995. She began her legal career practicing at two private firms in Massachusetts from 1996 to 2000. She joined the City of Boston Law Department in 2000 and was assigned to represent Boston Public Schools exclusively – focusing on employment law, discrimination defense, school law, municipal torts, and contracts. During her five years with the City of Boston, she tried cases and argued motions before the U. S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Massachusetts superior courts, and the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. Ms. Guarino began practicing law in New Hampshire as an Associate at Braiterman Law Offices, PLLC, from 2005 to 2007. She operated her own law office from 2007 to 2012, practicing in the fields of domestic relations, estate planning, estate administration, and Medicaid. Thereafter she practiced with Wolfson and Bernazzani, PLLC, from 2012 to 2018, and The Stein Law Firm, PLLC, from 2018 to 2021. She began her state service as an Attorney III with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in 2021. Since that time, she has been a client counselor for DHHS embedded in the Department of Justice. Considering Ms. Guarino's experience, I am requesting that she be appointed with a salary of \$115,000. She will be designated as a Senior Assistant Attorney

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General and will be assigned to the Civil Law Bureau's Client Counseling 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. Guarino's appointment as an Assistant Attorney General 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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EMPLOYMENT

State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services
Attorney III

Concord, New Hampshire
November 2021 to Present

Client counselor for DHHS embedded at the Department of Justice. Assigned to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and acts as legal counsel to the Department of Health & Human Services and its divisions (collectively "DHHS") and represents the State before State and Federal courts and administrative agencies under the direct supervision of the DOJ.

The Stein Law Firm, PLLC
Attorney

Concord, New Hampshire
April 2018 to November 2021

Practice areas include domestic relations, estate planning, estate administration, and Medicaid. Duties consist of interviewing clients; conducting discovery; performing legal research; preparing correspondence, pleadings, agreements, and other legal documents; negotiating settlements; and trying cases and arguing motions before various New Hampshire circuit courts.

Wolfson & Bernazzani, PLLC
Associate Attorney

Nashua, New Hampshire
July 2012 to April 2018

Practice areas include domestic relations, estate planning, estate administration, and Medicaid. Duties consist of meeting with and interviewing clients; conducting discovery; performing legal research; preparing correspondence, pleadings, agreements, and other legal documents; negotiating settlements; preparing cases and witnesses for trial; and trying cases and arguing motions before various New Hampshire circuit courts.

Law Office of Robyn A. Guarino, Esq., PLLC
Attorney/Member

Bow, New Hampshire
July 2007 to July 2012

Practice areas included domestic relations, estate planning, estate administration, and Medicaid. Duties consisted of interviewing clients; conducting discovery; performing legal research; preparing correspondence, pleadings, agreements, and other legal documents; negotiating settlements; trying cases and arguing motions before various New Hampshire district, superior and family division courts; preparing materials for, and giving seminars on estate planning; and marketing.

Braiterman Law Offices, PLLC
Associate Attorney

Concord, New Hampshire
February 2005 to July 2007

Practice areas included domestic relations, estate planning, estate administration, and Medicaid. Duties consisted of interviewing clients; conducting discovery; performing legal research; preparing correspondence, pleadings, agreements, and other legal documents; negotiating settlements; preparing cases for trial; trying cases and arguing motions before various New Hampshire circuit courts, and Massachusetts probate and family courts.

City of Boston, Law Department
Assistant Corporation Counsel

Boston, Massachusetts
December 2000 to February 2005

Assigned to represent Boston Public Schools exclusively. Practice areas included employment law (non-labor), discrimination defense, school law, municipal tort law, and contract law. Duties consisted of meeting with and interviewing Boston Public Schools' employees and witnesses; conducting discovery; performing legal research; preparing correspondence, pleadings, agreements, and other legal documents; negotiating settlements; trying cases and arguing motions before the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Massachusetts superior courts, and the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination; drafting, reviewing and approving Invitations for Bids, and Requests for Proposals; and reviewing and approving public contracts.

Lyon, Ferriter and Fitzpatrick, LLP
Associate Attorney

Holyoke, Massachusetts
April 1998 to December 2000

Practice areas included estate planning, estate administration, Medicaid, domestic relations, tort law, commercial and residential real estate law, commercial collections, bankruptcy, municipal law, employment discrimination, and contract law. Duties consisted of meeting with clients; conducting discovery; performing legal research; preparing correspondence, pleadings, agreements, and other legal documents; preparing cases and witnesses for trial; arguing motions before various Massachusetts district, superior and probate and family courts; preparing materials for, and giving seminars on estate planning and employment law; and marketing.

Law Office of Morana & Porter
Partner

Shrewsbury, Massachusetts
September 1996 to April 1998

Practice areas included domestic relations, tort law, estate planning, residential real estate law, and commercial collections. Duties consisted of meeting with client; conducting discovery; performing legal research; preparing correspondence, pleadings, agreements, and other legal documents; arguing motions before various Massachusetts district and superior courts; and marketing.

EDUCATION

Florida State University, College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida, J. D. with Honors, May 1995
Book Award (Trial Advocacy), Fall 1994, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law
Center

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
B. A. with Honors, Magna Cum Laude, August 1992
Phi Beta Kappa

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