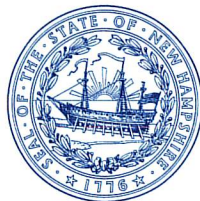


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July 10, 2026

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 Molly V. Lovell as an Attorney to Position #9U647 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26100000-013-500132) at a salary level of \$95,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or August 7, 2026, whichever is later. 100% General Funds.

EXPLANATION

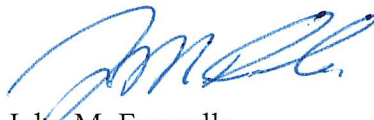
Ms. Lovell, a Concord resident, earned her Bachelor of Arts in Politics, *magna cum laude*, in 2013, and her Master of Arts in Political Theory, *magna cum laude*, in 2015, from the Catholic University of America. In 2018, she earned her Juris Doctor from William & Mary Law School. She began her legal career at Northeast Legal Aid as a Staff Attorney/AmeriCorps Attorney from 2018 – 2020, where she represented a full caseload of clients in the Housing Unit, defending clients in summary process eviction cases, administrative hearings, and filing affirmative lawsuits. She appeared in court, handled discovery, prepared and argued dispositive motions, prepared and tried cases, and negotiated final resolutions in contentious mediations. In 2020, Ms. Lovell joined the Merrimack County Attorney's Office as an Assistant County Attorney, where she prosecuted felony and misdemeanor level crimes from arraignment through jury trial and sentencing. Since 2024, Ms. Lovell has practiced at the Sullivan County Attorney's Office as an Assistant County Attorney, where she has been prosecuting complex felonies, including, but not limited to, possession of child sexual abuse materials, drug sales, and negligent homicide from arraignment to sentencing. Considering Ms. Lovell's experience, I am requesting that she be appointed as an Attorney with a salary of \$95,000. She will be assigned to the Criminal Justice 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. Lovell'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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MOLLY V. LOVELL, Esq.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sullivan County Attorney's Office

Assistant County Attorney August 2024-Present

- Prosecutes complex felonies, including but not limited to possession of child sexual abuse materials, drug sales, and negligent homicide from arraignment to sentencing.
- Responsible for all pleadings, negotiation, post-conviction review, and ongoing probation violations for assigned cases.
- Works with victim witness coordinators and victims of crime during the pendency of criminal prosecution.
- Communicates frequently with police departments across Sullivan County.
- Responds to emergency matters to provide legal guidance to police departments, including appearing on scene and giving guidance to police during a negligent homicide.
- Advises law enforcement on emergent legal issues.
- Attends forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center as part of a multidisciplinary team.
- Prosecuted seven jury trials, including several as lead counsel or sole counsel.
- Secured significant sentences in felony matters.

Merrimack County Attorney's Office

Assistant County Attorney November 2020-July 2024

- Prosecuted felony and misdemeanor level crimes from arraignment through jury trial and sentencing.
- Responsible for all pleadings, negotiation, post-conviction review, and ongoing matters of probation for assigned cases.
- Advocated for and worked with victims of crime in assigned felony and misdemeanor level cases.
- Communicated frequently with seven police departments and presented trainings related to domestic violence and driving while intoxicated to said police departments.
- Attended forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center ("CAC") as part of the multidisciplinary team.
- Prosecuted six jury trials, including two as sole counsel, and upwards of 50 bench trials, all as sole counsel.
- Managed a high-volume caseload of approximately 150 cases at any given time.
- Prosecuted crimes ranging from a speeding ticket to a negligent homicide.

Northeast Legal Aid

Staff Attorney/AmeriCorps Attorney September 2018—October 2020

- Represented a full caseload of clients in the Housing Unit, defending clients in summary process eviction cases, administrative hearings, and filing affirmative lawsuits.
- Appeared in court on a weekly basis, handled discovery, wrote and argued dispositive motions, prepared and tried cases, and negotiated final resolutions in contentious mediations.
- Communicated directly with clients, opposing counsel, and social service agencies.
- Worked with court staff to create trainings for the Lawyer for the Day program.

Additional Work Experience

- Worked as a graduate fellow at the Center for Legal and Court Technology through law school, where I researched and wrote about law and technology, including a book explaining Virginia law to non-lawyers and designed court cases for evidence classes.
- Interned at the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office, where I co-wrote a primer on the 2017 Maryland Justice Reinvestment Act, and the United States Attorney's Office during law school.
- Worked at the Catholic University Office of Student Conduct through undergraduate years during the school year and McDonalds and Heav'nly Donuts in the summer to offset the cost of college.
- Worked at the Catholic University of America office of Financial Aid and the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies to offset the cost of graduate school.

EDUCATION

William & Mary Law School

J.D., May 2018

Honors: GPA 3.24; Graduate Research Fellow (merit-based research fellowship); Phi Alpha Delta Trial Team

Activities: Criminal Law Society: Media Chair, Secretary, 1L Representative; Student Legal Services Volunteer

The Catholic University of America

M.A., Political Theory, Magna Cum Laude, January 2015

Honors: GPA 3.8; Passed Comprehensive Exam with Honors

Activities: Graduate Student Assoc., Humanitarian Chair; Politics Department Senator; Homeless Food Run Volunteer

B.A., Politics, Magna Cum Laude, May 2013

Honors: GPA 3.89; Phi Beta Kappa; Dean's List (8/8 Semesters)

Activities: University Hearing Board: Presiding Officer; Student Court: Justice; Alpha Phi Omega: Fellowship Vice President, Alumni Chair, Media Chair; Armed Forces Retirement Home Volunteer

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION

Member of the New Hampshire Bar (Active Status)

Member of the Massachusetts Bar (Inactive Status)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Notable Mentions: Featured Practitioner Profile for the New Hampshire Bar News for March 2026.

Legal Writings: "How Volunteering for Legal Aid can Benefit Your Community and Your Professional Development," American Bar Association, November 4, 2020. Has published an article relating to getting illegally evicted during COVID-19, which was published on the "Mass Legal Help" website during COVID-19.

Community Service: Big Brother Big Sister: March 2021-present; Merrimack County Nursing Home, volunteer art teacher: 2022-present; Lynn United for Change, Volunteer Attorney: September 2018-November 2020; Valley Collaborative, Human Rights Committee Member: September 2018-November 2020; Virginia Regional Peninsula Jail, Social Studies and English Tutor: 2015-2016.