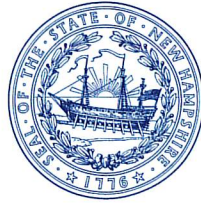


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August 27, 2026

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 grant a salary increase to Sam M. Gonyea, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position #9U307, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26100000-013-500132), in the amount of \$3,000, from a salary level of \$99,040 to a salary level of \$102,040, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or September 16, 2026, whichever is later. 100% General Funds.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Gonyea, an Allenstown resident, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Fitchburg State University in 2014, where he competed on the Moot Court Team (2013) and Mock Trial Team (2014) and served as Moot Court Adjunct Professor (2020-2021). He earned a joint Juris Doctor and Master's Degree in Public Administration from Suffolk University's Law School and Sawyer Business School in 2019. While in law school, he was a Dean's List Scholar (2015-2019), Academic Leadership Scholarship recipient (2016-2019), Thomas J. Drinan Memorial Fellowship recipient (2017), and Braxton Craven, Jr., Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition finalist. He won Jurisprudence Awards for scoring the highest grade in eight separate classes and was a member of both Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honors Society and Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society for Public Administration. From 2019 to 2021, Mr. Gonyea served as Judicial Law Clerk to the Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. He was an Associate at Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella, PLLC, in Exeter, from August 2021 to January 2022. He is admitted to practice in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He has been assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau's Appeals Unit since 2022 and was recently designated Chief of Criminal Appeals. In recognition of his performance with this Department, and new duties and responsibilities, I have designated him as a Senior Assistant Attorney General. His salary will increase by \$3,000 from \$99,040 to \$102,040. He will

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continue his current assignment.

RSA 21-M:3 and RSA 94:1-a(I)(c)(3) provides that 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 respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Formella", written in a cursive style.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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