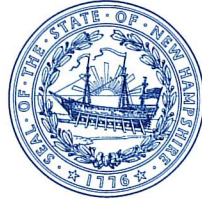


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October 1, 2026

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 Anna Dronzek to Position #9U504 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26100000-013-500132) as an Attorney, at a salary level of \$103,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or October 30, 2026, whichever is later. 100% General Funds.

EXPLANATION

Ms. Dronzek, a resident of Concord, graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, *cum laude*, in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. She also earned her Doctor of Philosophy in History at the University of Minnesota in 2001. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado Law School in 2011. While in law school, she was Executive Editor of the *University of Colorado Law Review*. She was a recipient of the Dufford & Brown Legal Writing Award, and the Don W. Sears Award for greatest contribution to classroom learning in a 1L class. She began her legal career as a law clerk for Judge John R. Webb at the Colorado Court of Appeals (2011-2012), and as a law clerk to Judge William P. Johnson at the U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico (2012-2013). In 2013, she began working for the United States Attorney's Office as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. She began at the District of Arizona, Criminal Division (2013-2017) and later moved to the District of New Hampshire, Criminal Division (2017-2022), where she worked as a lead prosecutor responsible for felony cases from case opening through plea or trial to sentencing and post-conviction, including appeals. She investigated and charged federal offenses and served as first chair on six felony jury trials and one felony bench trial and conducted numerous evidentiary hearings and oral arguments. Since 2022, she has been working in the Civil Division, where she has defended the United States and its agencies and employees against civil suits. Considering Ms. Dronzek's experience, I am requesting that she be appointed as an Attorney with a salary of \$103,000. She

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will be assigned to the Criminal Appeals Unit. A copy of 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. Dronzek's appointment as an Attorney at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Formella', written over a horizontal line.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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ANNA DRONZEK

EXPERIENCE

Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office

District of New Hampshire, Concord, NH - Civil Division

August 2022-present

- Defend the United States and its agencies and employees against civil suits, including allegations of employment discrimination, violations of immigration procedures, federal tort claims including medical malpractice and premises liability, constitutional violations, violations of FOIA, administrative error, and habeas petitions.
- Investigate claims, develop case strategy, identify and interview witnesses, write dispositive motions, propound and respond to discovery requests, take and defend depositions, evaluate settlement value, negotiate case settlement or prepare for trial, in consultation with agency counsel from wide range of federal agencies, on caseload of ~30 matters.
- Coordinate appellate strategy with Department of Justice Civil Appellate Staff and Office of Immigration Litigation; file and monitor pleadings in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; moot appellate arguments within office.

District of New Hampshire, Concord, NH - Criminal Division

February 2017-August 2022

District of Arizona, Tucson, AZ - Criminal Division

September 2013-February

2017

- Lead prosecutor responsible for caseload of 40-60 felonies from case opening through plea or trial to sentencing and post-conviction, including written appeals.
- Investigated and charged federal offenses including drug trafficking, prohibited firearms possession and sales, robbery, child sexual exploitation, human trafficking, fraud offenses (including passport, wire, and bank fraud), and immigration offenses.
- First chair on six felony jury trials and one felony bench trial; second chair on three felony jury trials; conducted numerous evidentiary hearings and oral arguments on motions to suppress, motions to dismiss, and contested sentencings.

Law Clerk to Judge William P. Johnson

August 2012-August 2013

U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

- Researched federal and state law and reviewed filings to assist federal district court judge in drafting orders and appellate opinion (judge sitting by designation on the Tenth Circuit).

Law Clerk to Judge John R. Webb

September 2011-August

2012

Colorado Court of Appeals

- Researched state law and reviewed trial record to draft two appellate opinions a month.

Student Attorney

August 2010-May 2011

American Indian Law Clinic, University of Colorado Law School

- Collaborated with clinic colleagues to develop tribal guidance document on American Indian Probate Reform Act.
- Prepared petition for allocation of parental responsibilities under the Indian Child Welfare Act; briefed and argued related appeal before the Colorado Court of Appeals.

- Wrote bench memo and draft opinion on tribal liability for Mashantucket Pequot Court of Appeals.

Extern

Colorado Attorney General's Office, Appellate Division

September-November 2009

- Researched and drafted all or portions of criminal appellate briefs addressing admissibility of evidence under C.R.E. 404(b), collateral attack on sentence, and *Miranda* issues.

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Law School, Juris Doctor 2011

University of Colorado Law Review Member & Executive Editor (2009-2011)

Ira C. Rothgerber Moot Court Board Co-Chair (2010-2011)

NNALSA National Moot Court Competition, Columbia University (2011)

Don W. Sears Award (greatest contribution to classroom learning in 1L class)

Dufford & Brown Legal Writing Award (best student in 1L Legal Writing section)

University of Minnesota, Doctor of Philosophy in History 2001

Williams College, Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude* with Highest Honors in History 1991

ADMISSIONS

Colorado (No. 43912)

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

First Circuit Court of Appeals (No. 1185115)

(eligible to waive into the New Hampshire Bar)

NON-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer/Assistant Professor of History at the University of Denver, 1999-2008

Rhodes College, University of Minnesota (Morris), and Temple University

INTERESTS

Knitting, birding, photography.