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December 7, 2022

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
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 reappoint Bryan J. Townsend, II, as an Assistant Attorney General (Position #9U047, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2611-013-500132), at a salary level of \$92,000 upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or December 11, 2022, whichever is later, for a term ending December 11, 2027.

**EXPLANATION**

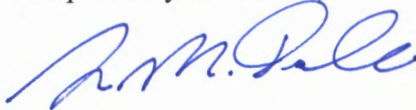
Mr. Townsend is a resident of Merrimack and a member of the New Hampshire Bar. He earned his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from the University of New Hampshire in 2007 and his Juris Doctor from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2010. While in law school, he was selected as a member of the Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program. Following graduation, he served as a judicial law clerk at the New Hampshire Supreme Court from 2010 to 2012. He worked as an associate attorney at Gottesman and Hollis from 2012 to 2016 at which time he joined the Department's Criminal Justice Bureau. After three years in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, he was assigned as the Elder Abuse Prosecutor in the Consumer Protection/Anti-Trust Bureau. He was designated a Senior Assistant Attorney General on February 9, 2022. This reappointment gives Mr. Townsend another five-year term. His salary will remain the same and I will continue his current assignment. His resume is attached for your review.

RSA 21-M:3 and 94:1-a(I)(c) provide 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.

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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Townsend's reappointment 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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## Bryan J. Townsend, II, Esq.

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### EXPERIENCE

2019- *Senior Assistant Attorney General*

Present **New Hampshire Department of Justice – Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit**, Concord, NH  
Investigate and prosecute matters related to the physical abuse and financial exploitation of the elderly. Present matters to grand juries throughout the State. Present information on elder abuse and financial exploitation to law enforcement, elder groups, financial institutions, and other entities. Represent the State in appeals to the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

2016- *Assistant Attorney General*

2019 **New Hampshire Department of Justice – Medicaid Fraud Control Unit**, Concord, NH  
Represented the State in False Claim matters arising out of Medicaid Provider billing fraud. Prosecuted matters of resident abuse in nursing facilities. Prosecuted matters of financial exploitation of the elderly. Presented matters to grand juries throughout the State. Represented the State in appeals to the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

2013- *Litigation Associate*

2016 **Gottesman & Hollis, P.A.**, Nashua, NH

Represented plaintiffs in personal injury and contract matters in Superior Court. Managed civil cases in all phases of discovery and trial preparation. Drafted briefs and presented argument before the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Testified in support of proposed legislation before committees of the New Hampshire Senate and House of Representatives.

2012- *Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Carol Ann Conboy*

2013 **New Hampshire Supreme Court**, Concord, NH

Assisted in drafting published opinions in cases relating to the criminal “merger doctrine” and the Confrontation Clause. Performed extensive legal research on a variety of legal issues. Reviewed briefs, lengthy trial records, and transcripts. Observed oral arguments.

2010- *Judicial Law Clerk*

2012 **Merrimack County Superior Court**, Concord, NH

Drafted orders and conducted research in large, complex litigation, including *State v. Hess Corp.* Drafted orders in criminal cases, including orders on motions to vacate pleas and motions for new trials concerning the retroactive application of *Padilla v. Kentucky*. Observed hearings and trials.

### EDUCATION

University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH

Juris Doctor, 2010, *magna cum laude*, Top 5%

Daniel Webster Scholar Honors Program

Douglas J. Wood Merit Scholarship Recipient

Moot Court, President (2009-2010), Competitor (2008-2009)

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

B.A., *cum laude*, Philosophy/Justice Studies, 2007

### BAR ADMISSIONS/AWARDS

Admitted to the Bar in New Hampshire (Federal and State)

2016 New Hampshire Pro Bono Rising Star Award Recipient

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Text Senders Liable in N.J.: A Reasonable Decision” – N.H. Bar News, April 2014

“Traps Hidden in Federal Student Loan Forgiveness Programs” – N.H. Bar News, November 2014