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August 23, 2023

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 appoint Connor A. Buchholz to Position #9U583 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2615-013-500132) as an Attorney at a salary level of \$80,000, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or August 25, 2023, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Buchholz, a Manchester resident, earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont in 2015, and his Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from UNH Franklin Peirce School of Law in 2019. During law school, Mr. Buchholz served as an intern in the New Hampshire Supreme Court and the Hillsborough County Superior Court – Northern District. Following graduation, he worked as a Research and Project Associate at the UNH Institute for Health Policy and Practice where he was a contributing author in drafting a Mental Health Parity Guide for health care stakeholders. Mr. Buchholz taught as an adjunct professor at the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law from 2020-2022 and has been in private practice as an associate attorney since 2020. Considering Mr. Buchholz's experience, I am requesting he be appointed as an Attorney at a salary of \$80,000. He will be assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. A copy of his resume is attached.

RSA 94:1-a 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 am pleased to offer Mr. Buchholz's appointment as an Attorney at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

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Respectfully submitted,

John M. Formella Attorney General

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BAR ADMISSIONS

New Hampshire October 2019
U.S. District Court, District of New Hampshire October 2019

EDUCATION

UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law, Concord, NH

May 2019

Juris Doctor

Honors: Magna Cum Laude

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

December 2015

Degrees in Political Science & Business Administration

Honors: Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society - Top 20 percent of Political Science class

Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, Vienna, AUT

Spring 2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

Toohey Law Group

Spring 2020 – Present

Associate Attorney

- · Represent several medical device companies and a nonprofit
- Draft and review numerous agreements including: bailment agreements, subawards, subaward amendments, nondisclosure agreements, purchase orders, and service contracts
- · Conduct legal research and compliance review of state and federal law

UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law

Fall 2020-Fall 2022

Adjunct Professor

• Taught Legal Research & Information Literacy, Trademark & Copyright Section

UNH Institute for Health Policy and Practice

Fall 2019

Research and Project Associate

- Collaboratively drafted a confidential report on the NCH disaffiliation to the NH DOJ CTU
- · Collaboratively drafted a Mental Health Parity Guide for health care stakeholders

Borofsky, Amodeo-Vickery & Bandazian, P.A, Manchester, NH Intern

Spring 2019

· Drafted seven motions and three civil complaints

New Hampshire Supreme Court, Concord, NH

Fall 2018

Intern

Hillsborough County Superior Court North, Manchester, NH

Summer 2018

Intern

Disability Rights Center - NH, Concord, NH

Independent Contractor

Fall 2017 - Spring 2018

- Reviewed committee & detainee records at the John H. Sununu Youth Services Center
- · Conducted monitoring visits at New Hampshire Hospital

• Drafted several legal memoranda and conducted legal research

Summer 2017

ACTIVITIES

Eagle Scout

Spring 2011