



Governor Announces Staff Changes

CONCORD – Gov. John Lynch announced today that his legal counsel, Kate Hanna, will return to private practice in at the end of the year. Deputy Attorney General Michael Delaney will succeed her as legal counsel.

When she accepted the job, Hanna made a one-year commitment to the Governor. In September, she told the Governor that she planned to leave at the end of the year in order return to private practice at Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green and have more time to spend with her son before he departs for college in the fall.

“I deeply appreciate the personal sacrifices that Kate made to ensure that my administration had a good start. She has played a critical role on a wide range of issues, from school funding to crafting tighter ethics guidelines for the Governor’s office to developing the proposed Child Protection Act. I understand her desire to spend more time with her family, and I thank her greatly for her willingness to serve. She will be missed,” Gov. Lynch said.

“I am extremely grateful to the Governor for giving me the opportunity to play a part in his first administration. Gov. Lynch serves as an extraordinary role model for many, especially his staff. It has been a privilege for me to work closely with him on significant issues and to learn from his remarkable leadership and steadfast commitment to bipartisan public service,” Hanna said.

Delaney, of Manchester, has served as New Hampshire’s Deputy Attorney General since August 2004. He served as chief of the state’s homicide unit from March 2003 to August 2004, as an assistant attorney general in the homicide unit from February 2000 to March 2003, and as an attorney in the criminal justice bureau from February 1999 to February 2000. He served as an associate attorney with Wiggin & Nourie in Manchester from September 1994 to February 1999.

“Mike Delaney will be a valuable addition to my staff, and it is a pleasure to welcome him. From his service in the Attorney General’s office, Mike has a deep understanding of the challenges facing New Hampshire and in-depth knowledge of our state agencies and our legislature,” Gov. Lynch said.

“It is a privilege to be asked by Gov. Lynch to join his staff. I look forward to this new opportunity and to helping Gov. Lynch make progress for the people of New Hampshire on the important issues facing our state, from better protecting our citizens, to expanding access to affordable, quality health care, to improving education,” Delaney said.

Delaney received his bachelor’s degree from the College of Holy Cross in 1991 and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1994.

In addition, Gov. Lynch announced that several other members of his staff would be taking on new roles.

Christen Bergeron, who had served as special assistant to the Governor, has become a special assistant for policy. Elizabeth Ignacio, who had served as the Governor’s scheduler, has become special assistant to the Governor. Katherine Whitegiver, who previously served in the Governor’s Office of Citizen Services, has become scheduler.

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