

**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED STATE EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST
AND DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 6**

	STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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	My duties require me to participate in a particular matter, and I may not participate because of a financial interest that I am disclosing here. I request a determination from my appointing authority about how I should proceed.
	PARTICULAR MATTER
Particular matter E.g., a judicial or other proceeding, application, submission, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, decision, determination, or finding.	Please describe the particular matter. The list of particular matters are matters handled by the law firm, Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP set forth below and the list is subject to periodic amendment. This disclosure is intended to include any future matter handled by Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP in which the AGO is involved. • <i>Doe et al v. Blouin et al</i>, Middlesex Superior Court, No. 1981CV03788 (Trial Division, AAG Abigail Fee) • <i>Tammy Cagle v. Thomas Estes</i>, USDC No. 18-10123-KAR (Trial Division, AAG Anne McLaughlin) • "Soldiers Home litigation"; <i>Kwesi Ablordeppey v. Bennett Walsh et al</i>, USDC No. 3:21-cv-11314 -MGM (Medicaid Fraud Division) • Commonwealth of Massachusetts <i>Ex Rel. Mykel Powell</i>, Commonwealth Second Amendment, Inc. and Brent Carlton; <i>Mykel Powell v. Holmes</i> (Stoughton) et al – USDC No. 1:18-cv-11336-FDS • <i>Pina v Barnstable Co. Sheriff's Office</i>, Barnstable Superior Court No. 1572CV00004 • <i>Weichel v. Braintree et al</i>, USDC 1:20-cv-11456-IT

Your required participation in the particular matter: E.g., approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, rendering advice, investigation, other.	Please describe the task you are required to perform with respect to the particular matter. Generally, the First Assistant Attorney General oversees, participates in, and approves litigation strategy and decision-making for the office.
	FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER
Write an X by all that apply.	☐ I have a financial interest in the matter. ☒ My immediate family member has a financial interest in the matter. ☐ My business partner has a financial interest in the matter. ☐ I am an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a business organization, and the business organization has a financial interest in the matter. ☐ I am negotiating or have made an arrangement concerning future employment with a person or organization, and the person or organization has a financial interest in the matter.
Financial interest in the matter	Please explain the financial interest and include a dollar amount if you know it. My spouse, Thomas R. Donohue, is a partner at the law firm Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten, LLP ("BHPK"). Accordingly, there are certain cases in which I have or may have a financial interest under G.L. c. 268A, § 6, by virtue of the fact that my spouse is a partner at BHPK. I will be recused and screened from participation in any matter being handled by BHPK or any of its employees or affiliated attorneys. In addition, the Attorney General's Office has put appropriate screening measures in place to memorialize my recusal and to prevent the sharing of any confidential information with me. Finally, I will be out of the reporting structure for all aspects of any of the matters handled by BHPK.
Employee signature:	/s/ <i>Kate R. Cook</i>
Date:	January 3, 2022

DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL

	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	Maura Healey, Attorney General By, Juliana deHaan Rice
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	DETERMINATION
Determination by appointing authority: Write an X by your selection.	As appointing official, as required by G.L. c. 268A, § 6, I have reviewed the particular matter and the financial interest identified above by a state employee. ☒ X I am assigning the particular matter to another employee, or ☐ I am assuming responsibility for the particular matter, or ☐ I have determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the Commonwealth may expect from the employee.
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	January 3, 2022
Comment:	Appropriate screening measures have been put in place internally to remove Kate from all participation in these matters.

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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