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When there is a vacancy in the office of Solicitor, the Governor shall appoint a Solicitor who shall be confirmed by the Senate who shall serve until the next general election. However, in this case, Solicitor-elect David Wagner was elected in November 2016 and is set to take office in January, and since there will only be a few days between the start of session and the apparent Jan. 11th swearing in date, there is probably not enough time to warrant an appointment.

Two recommended options:

- (1) Do not make an appointment and draft a statement from NH with her condolences and a statement from the office such as this: Although the Governor may appoint a new Solicitor when there is a vacancy, the Governor respects the wishes of the voting public and will not make an appointment in the few days remaining before Solicitor-elect Wagner takes office.
- (2) Make an appointment by appointing Solicitor-elect Wagner.

SECTION 1-7-390. Vacancies.

In case any circuit solicitor shall cease to reside in his circuit, his office shall become vacant. In case any vacancy shall occur in such office by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy thereby created shall be filled by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The judge residing in the circuit of the solicitor, whose office shall thus become vacant, shall certify such vacancy to the Governor.

From: Adams, Chaney
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Richele and Becca,

What is the process here?

From: Ellis, Mike [<mailto:Mike.Ellis@independentmail.com>]
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Hi,

I'm a reporter with the Independent Mail/USA Today Network.

The 10th Judicial Circuit Solicitor Chrissy Adams died overnight.

Normally the governor's office would appoint someone to the solicitor's position, the solicitor-elect takes

office Jan. 11. There's not much of a gap there.

I know it's early but can you say what the governor will do.

Thanks for your time,

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