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April 7, 2025

Stacey Gunderson
Iowa Department of Revenue
Hoover Bldg.
LOCAL

Dear Ms. Gunderson,

The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved payment of the following cost items:

Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts, P.C.....\$3,000.00

The Davis Brown Tower
215 10th Street, Suite 1300
Des Moines, IA 50309-3993

Legal Services to state agencies on issues related to the visa status of prospective state employees

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Mariah Gibb
Acting Executive Secretary

cc: Darina Petkova, Iowa Department of Revenue

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 31, 2025

Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol
L O C A L

Re: Payment of Claims for Fees by Outside Counsel

Dear Kristi:

Our office requests Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Dentons Davis Brown PC, providing legal services to Department of Revenue related to the visa status of prospective state employees.

The amount of the claim appears to be reasonable and our office recommends payment.

Sincerely,

Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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March 24, 2025

Mr. Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General
Attorney General Office-Hoover Bldg.
L O C A L

Re: Approval of attorney fees

Dear Mr. Olson:

I received the enclosed statement from Dentons Davis Brown PC for the following fees:

Legal Services to state agencies on issues related to the visa status of prospective state employees – Iowa Department of Revenue

Current balance	\$ 3,000.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$ 3,000.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

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Mariah Gibb
Acting Executive Secretary

In Account With

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Iowa Department of Revenue
Victoria Newton
ExecutiveCouncil@tos.iowa.gov

Statement: 1595396
Date: 3/13/2025

Re: 4247640-173385 - Immigration-Kalawadh, Ali

For Professional Services Rendered**Professional Fees****Hours**

02/05/2025	SLEE	NIW: Continuing reviewing revisions to personal statement in support of National Interest Waiver application. Redrafting National Interest Waiver brief.	4.40
02/06/2025	DRC	NIW: Drafting the employer letter of support and conferring regarding conflict between the State of Iowa's real world job description and requirements and the PERM regulations	2.00
02/10/2025	SLEE	NIW: Continuing revising draft of National Interest Waiver brief and recommendation letters.	1.80
02/10/2025	SLEE	NIW: Continuing revising draft of National Interest Waiver brief. Corresponding with Ali Kalawadh to provide drafts of recommendation letters and NIW brief and advising on next steps.	0.40
02/10/2025	LTC	Reviewing and revising support letters and brief.	0.80
02/11/2025	SLEE	NIW: Reviewing and responding to correspondence from Ali Kalawadh regarding National Interest Waiver brief and support letter drafts.	0.10
02/12/2025	SLEE	NIW: Reviewing and providing additional revisions for Jassim Zaid's support letter for National Interest Waiver petition.	0.30
02/12/2025	SLEE	NIW: Obtaining copies of final support letters from Iowa Department of Revenue and revised letter from Jeff Meis. Corresponding with Ali Kalawadh on next steps for updating draft of National Interest Waiver brief.	0.10
02/12/2025	SLEE	NIW: Reviewing additional revisions to Jassim Zaid's and Jeff Meis's support letters. Continuing drafting National Interest Waiver brief.	1.50
02/12/2025	LTC	Reviewing and revising draft brief.	0.50
02/13/2025	SLEE	NIW: Drafting Form ETA-9089, ETA-9089 Appendix A, and ETA-9089 Final Determination.	1.00
02/13/2025	SLEE	NIW: Drafting Table of Contents for National Interest Waiver petition packet. Beginning finalizing National Interest Waiver packet. Drafting Form I-907. Corresponding with Ali Kalawadh to obtain further information to update Form I-140 and to request documentation of ability to pay.	1.30
02/14/2025	SLEE	NIW: Requesting evidence of offer letter to include in NIW petition to show proof of continued employment and continued endeavor.	0.10
02/14/2025	SLEE	NIW: Reviewing and responding to inquiry regarding contents for resume to attach to Jeff Meis's National Interest Waiver recommendation letter.	0.10
02/18/2025	SLEE	NIW: Reviewing and responding to Ali Kalawadh's revisions to ETA-9089. Revising ETA-9089. Advising on next steps for National Interest Waiver application.	0.20
02/19/2025	SLEE	NIW: Continuing updating National Interest Waiver brief.	0.70
02/19/2025	SLEE	NIW: Determining filing fees and requesting invoice to be submitted to Iowa Department of Revenue.	0.10

02/19/2025	SLEE	NIW: Reviewing correspondence from Ali Kalawadh regarding revisions to National Interest Waiver brief.	0.10
02/19/2025	SLEE	NIW: Revising draft of National Interest Waiver brief.	0.20
02/19/2025	LTC	Final review and editing NIW brief to send for signature.	0.30
02/21/2025	SLEE	NIW: Continuing building NIW packet.	0.40
02/23/2025	SLEE	NIW: Continuing reviewing draft of National Interest Waiver packet. Corresponding with Ali Kalawadh to send National Interest Waiver packet draft for review.	0.50
02/26/2025	SLEE	NIW: Revising Form I-140 and ETA-9089 to update birthplace and number of current employees. Revising draft of National Interest Waiver packet. Corresponding with Ali Kalawadh regarding form revisions and confirmation of birth place details.	0.70

Total Hours: 17.60

Discount: (\$900.00)

Rate Summary

Lori T. Chesser	1.60 hours at \$325.00/hr	520.00
Steffi S. Lee Dwyer	14.00 hours at \$200.00/hr	2,800.00
Denise R. Claton	2.00 hours at \$290.00/hr	580.00
Total hours:	<u>17.60</u>	

Total Current Billing: \$3,000.00

Effective March 29, 2021, Davis Brown Law Firm formally combined with Dentons to become Dentons Davis Brown PC. Visit www.dentons.com/BusinessTerms to find our Terms of Business, which will apply to our relationship to the extent that it is not inconsistent with the material terms and conditions of any existing engagement agreement. Please contact your lawyer or other professional if you have questions about the Terms of Business or with any respect of your representation.

Current statement due within 30 days of statement date. Please disregard any previously paid amounts. Contact us at 515-246-7812 with any questions. Please include the statement number on your check.

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.