Executive Council of Iowa

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September 8, 2026

Accounting Department
Office of the Treasurer
Lucas Building
321 E 12th Street
Des Moines, IA, 50319

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

Butzel Long…………………………………………………………......................................$5,841.60
150 West Jefferson
Suite 100
Detroit, MI 48226
Iowa DNR - Damer v. Gelly

Payment will be made from the funds of the General Fund. This is a correction to the three (3) Butzel Long invoices approved for payment at the August 2026 Executive Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 31, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
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L O C A L

Re: CORRECTION on Payment of Claims for Fees by Outside Counsel
Damer v. Gelly (Macomb County Circuit Court, Case No. 2025-000567-NO)

Dear Kristi:

At the August 2026 Executive Council meeting, the attached invoices were submitted for approval for payment. There was an error in identifying where these funds should be paid from.

We are resubmitting our office's request for Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees and costs from Butzel Long to represent Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Payment should be made from general fund not State Fish and Game Protection Fund ("Trust Fund"). Please see the attached packet providing our supporting materials for this request.

The amount of the claims appear to be reasonable and our office recommends payment from the general fund.

Sincerely,

Steven Blankinship
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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Re: CORRECTION on Payment of Claims for Fees by Outside Counsel
Damer v. Gelly (Macomb County Circuit Court, Case No. 2025-000567-NO)
Invoice # 9617271

Dear Kristi:

At the August 2026 Executive Council meeting, the attached invoice was submitted for approval for payment. There was an error in identifying where these funds should be paid from.

Our office requests Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees and costs in the amount of $ 1,717.50 from Butzel Long to represent Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Payment should be made from the general fund.

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

Sincerely,

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Re: CORRECTION on Payment of Claims for Fees by Outside Counsel
Damer v. Gelly (Macomb County Circuit Court, Case No. 2025-000567-NO)
Invoice # 9621480

Dear Kristi:

At the August 2026 Executive Council meeting, the attached invoices were submitted for approval for payment. There was an error in identifying where these funds should be paid from.

Our office requests Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees and costs in the amount of $ 1,313.50 from Butzel Long to represent Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Payment should be made from the general fund.

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

Sincerely,

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Re: CORRECTION on Payment of Claims for Fees by Outside Counsel
Damer v. Gelly (Macomb County Circuit Court, Case No. 2025-000567-NO)
Invoice # 9600648

Dear Kristi:

At the August 2026 Executive Council meeting, the attached invoices were submitted for approval for payment. There was an error in identifying where these funds should be paid from.

We are resubmitting our office's request for Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees and costs in the amount of $ 2,810.60 from Butzel Long to represent Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Payment should be made from general fund.

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

Sincerely,

Steven Blankinship
Chief Deputy Attorney General

January 23, 2026

Executive Council of Iowa
Office of the Treasurer of State
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

Re: Out-of-state counsel expense - Michigan lawsuit (Butzel Attorneys and Counselors)
Invoices #9604429, 9613083, 9608836

Dear Executive Council,

The Attorney General's Office retained a Michigan law firm to defend a DNR Conservation Officer named in a Michigan district court lawsuit. A Michigan citizen sued the DNR officer, alleging various civil rights (Section 1983) and common law tort violations, after hunting charges the officer filed in Cass County were dropped. Ultimately, the Michigan matter was dismissed in December 2025 by the court for lack of personal jurisdiction.

This outcome, while successful, resulted in $61,158.46 in legal fees (invoices attached). The Attorney General's Office forwarded these invoices to the DNR to pay. The necessary funds would come from the State Fish and Game Protection Fund ("Trust Fund"). The Trust Fund is constitutionally-protected for use on natural resource conservation and management. This is a large and unexpected sum that is only tangentially related to the Trust Fund's authorized scope of work.

As such, the DNR respectfully submits this fee for Executive Council's consideration and payment, if approved. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tamara McIntosh

Tamara McIntosh – General Counsel
Legal Services Bureau
Department of Natural Resources

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December 10, 2025

Jeffrey C. Peterzalek
Office of the Attorney General of Iowa
1305 E. Walnut St.
Des Moines, IA 50319

Invoice #:	9617271
Client #:	000166682
Matter #:	0001
Billing Attorney:	BRHY

INVOICE SUMMARY
(Privileged and Confidential Information)

For Professional Services Rendered for the period ending: November 30, 2025.

RE: Damer, III, Stanley

Professional Services	$ 1,717.50
Total Disbursements	$ .00
TOTAL CURRENT INVOICE	**$ 1,717.50**

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Date	Tkpr	Task	Actv	Description	Hours	Amount
11/04/25	BRHY			Revised Defendant Gelly's 1st Set of Requests for Admission to Plaintiff Damer.	1.10	511.50
11/04/25	BRHY			Revised Defendant Gelly's 1st Set of Document Requests to Plaintiff Damer.	.90	418.50
11/04/25	BRHY			Revised Defendant Gelly's 1st Set of Interrogatories to Plaintiff Damer.	1.10	511.50
11/04/25	MC			Review Defendant Lombardo's interrogatory requests to incorporate into Defendant Gelly's requests.	.30	90.00
11/17/25	BRHY			No Charge - Revised and filed a notice for a deposition of the plaintiff.	.50	N/C
11/24/25	BRHY			No Charge - Reviewed, analyzed, and revised the draft stipulated motion to extend the discovery deadline to January 15, 2026.	1.40	N/C
11/25/25	BRHY			Reviewed and analyzed Plaintiff Damer's November 24, 2025 motion that attacks the order that granted Defendant Kiel's summary disposition motion.	.40	186.00

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES **$ 1,717.50**

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Timekeeper	Hours	Rate	Total
Barrett R.H. Young	3.50	465.00	1,627.50
Michelle E. Cirino	.30	300.00	90.00
Total	**3.80**		**$ 1,717.50**

TOTAL CURRENT INVOICE **$ 1,717.50**

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RE: Damer, III, Stanley

BALANCE DUE CURRENT INVOICE	**$ 1,717.50**

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201 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1200
Troy, Michigan 48084

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Huntington Bank
2025 Woodward Ave.,
Detroit, MI 48226
Benefiting: **BUTZEL LONG**
Swift Code: **HUNTUS33**
ABA ROUTING NUMBER **(WIRE TRANSFER/ FED WIRES ONLY): 044000024**
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January 27, 2026

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Invoice #:	9621480
Client #:	000166682
Matter #:	0001
Billing Attorney:	BRHY

INVOICE SUMMARY
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For Professional Services Rendered for the period ending: December 31, 2025.

RE: Damer, III, Stanley

Professional Services	$ 1,162.50
Total Disbursements	$ 151.00
TOTAL CURRENT INVOICE	**$ 1,313.50**

Client #: 000166682
Matter #: 0001

January 27, 2026
Invoice #: 9621480

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Date	Tkpr	Task	Actv	Description	Hours	Amount
12/08/25	BRHY			Traveled to, attended, and traveled from the hearings on (1) Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration of the Court's order that granted the Michigan government official's summary disposition and (2) Plaintiff's motion to extend the discovery deadline.	2.50	1,162.50

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES **$ 1,162.50**

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Timekeeper	Hours	Rate	Total
Barrett R.H. Young	2.50	465.00	1,162.50
Total	**2.50**		**$ 1,162.50**

DISBURSEMENTS

Description	Amount
Court Record Copies	151.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **$ 151.00**

TOTAL CURRENT INVOICE **$ 1,313.50**

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August 5, 2025

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1305 E. Walnut St.
Des Moines, IA 50319

Invoice #:	9600648
Client #:	000166682
Matter #:	0001
Billing Attorney:	BRHY

INVOICE SUMMARY
(Privileged and Confidential Information)

For Professional Services Rendered for the period ending: July 31, 2025.

RE: Damer, III, Stanley

Professional Services	$ 2,790.00
Total Disbursements	$ 20.60
TOTAL CURRENT INVOICE	**$ 2,810.60**

Client #: 000166682
Matter #: 0001

August 5, 2025
Invoice #: 9600648

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Date	Tkpr	Task	Actv	Description	Hours	Amount
7/22/25	BRHY			With Chad Brakhahn, strategized about how to respond to the Complaint.	.60	279.00
7/22/25	BRHY			Reviewed and analyzed the First Amended Complaint to determine whether to answer or take other legally authorized action.	.70	325.50
7/23/25	BRHY			No Charge - {//Damer v. Gelly//} Revised appearance.	.60	N/C
7/24/25	BRHY			With Chad Brakhahn and Grant Gelly, strategized regarding the case and considered various ways to get the case dismissed.	.40	186.00
7/29/25	BRHY			With Chad Brakhahn, discussed Defendant Gelly's Motion to Extend Time to Answer the Complaint or Take Other Authorized Action.	.10	46.50
7/29/25	BRHY			Revised an MCR 2.108(e) motion and brief to extend the time for answering or otherwise responding to the plaintiff's complaint.	1.60	744.00
7/29/25	BRHY			Drafted an MCR 2.108(e) motion and brief to extend the time for answering or otherwise responding to the plaintiff's complaint.	2.60	1,209.00

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES **$ 2,790.00**

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Timekeeper	Hours	Rate	Total
Barrett R.H. Young	6.00	465.00	2,790.00
Total	**6.00**		**$ 2,790.00**

DISBURSEMENTS

Description	Amount
Filing Fees	20.60

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **$ 20.60**

TOTAL CURRENT INVOICE **$ 2,810.60**

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