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August 7, 2023

Mr. Sam Langholz  
Chief Deputy Attorney General  
Attorney General's Office  
Hoover Bldg.  
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Langholz:

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

Richard J. Bennett, Sr.....\$2,490.00  
PO Box 65666  
West Des Moines, IA 50265  
Special Counsel for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

*Victoria Newton*

Victoria Newton  
Executive Secretary

CC: Tina Palmer, Attorney General's Office

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

August 3, 2023

Victoria Newton  
Executive Secretary  
Executive Council  
State Capitol  
L O C A L

Re: Payment of Claims for Fees by Outside Counsel

Dear Victoria:

Our office is forwarding to the Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$2,490.00 from Richard Bennett for his work in representing the State of Iowa in criminal appeals cases.

The amount of the claim appears to be reasonable. We have reviewed both the billing and the Services Agreement and recommend payment. Pursuant to the terms of the contract, payment should be made from the Attorney General's Office's Forfeiture Fund and not from the General Fund.

Sincerely,

Sam Langholz  
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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July 10, 2023

Mr. Sam Langholz  
Chief Deputy Attorney General  
Attorney General Office-Hoover Bldg.  
L O C A L

Re: Approval of attorney fees

Dear Mr. Langholz:

I received the enclosed statement from Richard Bennett for the following fees:

Special Counsel for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office

Current balance	\$2,490.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$2,490.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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Executive Secretary

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July 10, 2023

Victoria Newton  
Iowa Executive Council  
Room 114  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Re: Special Counsel Billing – June 2023 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for June 2023 work performed as Special Counsel for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office. Hours billed are submitted in tenths of an hour. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard J. Bennett, Sr.

Richard J. Bennett, Sr.

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**INVOICE FOR JUNE 2023**

**A. State v. Halfhill, No. 22-0395**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Billable Hours</b>
6/16/23	Telephone call to victim about trial court's ruling on remand regarding new trial motion	0.2

**B.State v. Shivers, No. 22-0437**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Billable Hours</b>
6/2/23	Drafting Statement of Case	3.0
6/3/23	Same	4.0
6/5/23	Picking up exhibits at AG Office, and drafting Statement of Case	2.1
6/7/23	Drafting Statement of Case	4.1
6/11/23	Legal research and drafting Arg. I	6.0
6/12/23	Same	5.8
6/13/23	Drafting Arg. I, legal research and drafting Arg. II	6.3
6/14/23	Drafting Arg. II and sending proof brief to secretary for formatting	5.0
6/15/23	Review and revision of formatted brief, and review of audio and video exhibits, and review of designation	3.5
6/19/23	Review of brief after its review by Martha Trout	0.3

6/23/23

Review of filed proof brief and designation, and email to  
defense counsel

1.2

**HOURLY RATE:**

**\$60.00**

**TOTAL HOURS WORKED:**

**41.5**

**AMOUNT DUE:**

**\$ 2,490.00**