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February 3, 2025

Mr. Leif Olson
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Dear Mr. Olson:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your request for an hourly compensation rate increase for Patterson Law Firm for cases assigned on or after January 1, 2025, from \$160 to \$175 per hour for partners. Raises for other personnel at the firm were also approved for \$155 per hour for an associate, \$100 per hour for a paralegal.

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January 27, 2025

Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
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Re: Compensation Rate for Outside Counsel – Patterson Law Firm
Workers Compensation / Second Injury Fund

Dear Kristi:

Patterson Law Firm has been retained in workers' compensation cases when a state employee has filed a claim against the State of Iowa as well as the Second Injury Fund. Normally, the Attorney General's office defends workers' compensation claims involving the State of Iowa and the Second Injury Fund. However, because claims involving both the State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund may result in both entities paying workers' compensation benefits, our office cannot represent both defendants. To avoid a conflict of interest the Executive Council has approved retention of the Patterson Law Firm to represent one of the defendants, the Second Injury Fund. For some time, the Executive Council has paid \$160 per hour to compensate outside counsel in these cases. In 2022, the amount was raised to \$160 per hour for partners. No raise in the hourly rate has been requested since March 2022.

The Patterson Law Firm is now requesting that the hourly rate be increased on cases assigned on or after January 1, 2025, from \$160 to \$175 per hour for partners. Raises for other personnel at the firm would be \$155 per hour for an associate, \$100 per hour for a paralegal.

Accordingly, we request Executive Council approval to raise the compensation rate for outside counsel in worker's compensations cases to represent the Second Injury Fund.

Sincerely,

Leif Olson

Chief Deputy Attorney General