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December 2, 2024

Mr. Leif Olson Chief Deputy Attorney General Attorney General's Office Hoover Bldg. LOCAL

Dear Mr. Olson:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your requests for retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1), in *Gabel-Reisen, Regina v. Anamosa State Penitentiary and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa,* a worker's compensation case filed by a State employee.

Firm:Patterson Law Firm, L.L.P.Attorney:Ryan Clark505 5th AvenueSuite 729Des Moines, IA 50309Rate:\$160.00 Per Hour

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November 18, 2024

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

Re: Request for Special Counsel - Patterson Law Firm

Dear Kristi:

Our office requests appointment of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Gabel-Reisen, Regina v. Anamosa State Penitentiary and State of Iowa and State of Iowa* case filed by a state employee. Because the resolution of this claim may turn on whether the State of Iowa or the Second Injury Fund must pay workers' compensation benefits, our office cannot represent both defendants.

In order to avoid a conflict of interest, the Civil Litigation Division has contacted Ryan Clark of the Patterson Law Firm, L.L.P., 505 5th Avenue, Suite 729, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2390, to represent the Second Injury Fund. Mr. Clark has agreed to represent the Second Injury Fund at the rate of \$160.00 per hour. Our office will represent the State of Iowa.

Accordingly, we request Executive Council approval to retain Mr. Clark to represent the Second Injury Fund in this case.

Sincerely,

Leif Okon Chief Deputy Attorney General