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February 5, 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 on this date, approved payment of the following cost items:

Richard J. Bennett, Sr.....\$2,766.00
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

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Executive Secretary

CC: Tina Palmer, Attorney General's Office

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 29, 2024

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 in the amount of \$2,766.00 to Richard Bennett for providing legal services.

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,

Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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January 23, 2024

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 Richard Bennett for the following fees:

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

Current balance	\$2,766.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$2,766.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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Executive Secretary

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January 19, 2024

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – December 2023 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for December 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 DECEMBER 2023

A. Holt v. State, No. 23-0681

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
12/13/23	Email to secretary re 2 nd ext. motion	0.1
12/20/23	Checking trial transcripts online, email to secretary re copy of direct appeal brief, and review of record	1.9
12/26/23	Review of secretary's email, scheduling proof brief and review of record	0.6
12/29/23	Review of defendant's brief, direct appeal decision, the district court and supreme court dockets, and taking notes of record	3.4
12/31/23	Review and taking notes of record	3.0

B. State v. Halfhill, No, 23-0998

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
12/13/23	Review of defendant's final and reply briefs, and scheduling State's final brief	1.0
12/18/23	Review of final brief completed by secretary and return to her for filing	0.6
12/22/23	Review of court order and filed final brief	0.8
12/26/23	Review of amendment of brief rule and email to Darrel Mullins	0.5
12/26/23	Reply to Darrel Mullins email	0.1

C. State v. Russell, No. 23-0623

Date	Service Provided	Billable Hours
12/3/23	Drafting statement of case	2.0
12/4/23	Same	3.2
12/5/23	Same	4.3
12/7/23	Same	4.0
12/8/23	Legal research	6.0
12/9/23	Legal research and drafting argument	7.0
12/10/23	Same, revision of State's proof brief, and preparation of designation	4.0
12/11/23	Email to secretary	0.1
12/13/23	Review and revision of proof brief	0.5
12/17/23	Same plus legal research	1.0
12/18/23	Review and revision of proof brief and return to secretary	0.6
12/19/23	Review of proof brief after seen by Darrel Mullins, email to secretary and review of victim letters	0.6
12/26/23	Review of State's filed proof brief and designation and email to defense counsel	0.8

HOURLY RATE: **\$60.00**

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: **46.1**

AMOUNT DUE: **\$ 2,766.00**