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Victoria Newton  
Executive Secretary  
Executive Council  
State Capitol

Re: Retention of Special Counsel

Dear Victoria:

Our office requests authorization pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to retain Special Counsel to provide legal services and representation to Iowa State University (ISU) and the State of Iowa with respect to claims asserted in *Ben-David v. Iowa State University*, Case No. LACV052940, in the Iowa District Court for Story County.

This matter arises from an accident involving members of the ISU Student Crew Club. The case presents complex issues of fact and law and unique issues related to university governance and student organizations. This office has determined that it would be in the best interests of both ISU and the State to engage Special Counsel with expertise in similar matters and with additional resources to represent the State in this matter.

This office has consulted with ISU and we recommend the Hallquist Law Firm, LLC, 17 Janssen Place, Kansas City, Missouri 64108, to act as Special Counsel in this matter. Allan Hallquist will act as lead counsel for the case at a rate of \$350.00 per hour. Fees and associated costs of litigation will be paid by ISU.

Accordingly, our office recommends the Hallquist Law Firm be approved as Special Counsel.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY S. THOMPSON  
Solicitor General