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April 1, 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.....\$3,852.00
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

March 25, 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 requests Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees in the amount of \$3,852.00 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. Under that Agreement, 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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March 18, 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	\$3,852.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$3,852.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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March 16, 2024

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – February 2024 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for February 2024 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 FEBRUARY 2024

A. Holt v. State, No. 18-1266

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
2/15/24	Review and revision of State's final brief and return to secretary	1.4
2/16/24	Review of defendant's and State's filed final briefs	2.0

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
2/1/24	Phone call to victim	0.2

C. Fisher v. State, No. 23-0909

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
2/1/24	Review and taking notes of record	3.5
2/5/24	Same	1.5
2/6/24	Email to secretary	0.1
2/7/24	Review of email and attachments from secretary re compliance with new app. rules, and drafting statement of case	3.1
2/8/24	Drafting statement of case	2.7
2/13/24	Same	2.4
2/14/24	Review of filed ext. mot. and court order	0.1
2/19/24	Drafting statement of case	2.0

2/20/24	Same	3.8
2/21/24	Further review of record re intent question and legal research	8.4
2/23/24	Legal research	2.3
2/25/24	Same	5.2
2/26/24	Same	6.5
2/27/24	Legal research and drafting argument	5.8
2/28/24	Same	7.3
2/29/24	Drafting argument	5.2

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
2/12/24	Review of file and calendar in response to Ct. of App. email re special oral argument setting in May in Cedar Rapids, notice to Darrell Mullins and response to Ct. of App.	0.5
2/27/24	Review of Ct. of App. order setting oral argument in April in Des Moines instead of Cedar Rapids	0.1

E. Garcia v. State, No. 23-1246

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
2/14/24	Review of ext. motion and order	0.1

HOURLY RATE:	\$60.00
TOTAL HOURS WORKED:	64.2
AMOUNT DUE:	\$ 3,852.00