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## Executive Council of Iowa

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July 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.....\$2,322.00  
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

*Kristi Onstot*

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Secretary

CC: Jason Garvey, Attorney General's Office

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 24, 2024

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

Re: Payment of Claims for Fees by Outside Counsel

Dear Kristi:

Our office requests Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees in the amount of \$2,322.00. Under that Agreement, payment should be made 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. 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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June 20, 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 Patterson Law Firm, L.L.P. for the following fees:

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

Current balance	\$2,322.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$2,322.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

*Kristi Onstot*

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Executive Secretary

**RICHARD J. BENNETT  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
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June 19, 2024

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – May 2024 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for May 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 MAY 2024**

**A. State v. Freemont, No. 23-0821**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
5/19/24	Setting up file, cursory review of defendant's brief, and scheduling State's brief	0.3
5/23/24	Rereading defendant's brief, review of Sup Ct. and district court dockets	3.1
5/24/24	Review and taking notes of record	2.1
5/27/24	Same	4.7
5/28/24	Review of court filings	0.1
5/29/24	Review and taking notes of record	3.1
5/31/24	Same	1.0

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

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
5/2/24	Review of court filing	0.1

**C. Garcia v. State, No. 23-1246**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
5/14/24	Review of defendant's refiled brief and email to Darrel Mullins	0.8
5/19/24	Review of court filings	0.1
5/28/24	Same	0.1

**D. State v. Russell, 23-0623**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Billable Hours</b>
5/6/24	Oral argument preparation	6.8
5/7/24	Same	6.3
5/8/24	Driving to Cedar Rapids to give oral argument, argument preparation, giving oral argument, and return to Des Moines	9.2
5/9/24	Phone call to victim re oral argument	0.2
5/22/24	Review of Court of Appeals decision, phone call to victim and email to secretary	0.7

<b>HOURLY RATE:</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS WORKED:</b>	<b>38.70</b>
<b>AMOUNT DUE:</b>	<b>\$ 2,322.00</b>