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March 4, 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.....\$3,912.00
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

February 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 \$3,912.00 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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February 21, 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	\$3,912.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$3,912.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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Executive Secretary

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February 18, 2024

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – January 2024 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for January 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 JANUARY 2024

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
1/29/24	Setting up file, review of defendant's brief and designation, scheduling State's brief, and review of court dockets and earlier direct appeal documents	3.2
1/30/24	Review and taking notes of record	1.8
1/31/24	Same	1.0

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
1/31/24	Review of court order and attempted phone call to victim	0.1

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
1/3/24	Review and taking notes of record, review of new app. rules, and drafting statement of case	4.7
1/4/24	Review and taking notes of record	2.7
1/5/24	Legal research and drafting statement of case	4.5
1/6/24	Drafting statement of case	3.0
1/7/24	Same	3.2
1/8/24	Same	2.5
1/11/24	Same	3.5

1/13/24	Legal research and drafting argument	2.0
1/14/24	Same	3.7
1/15/24	Same	5.0
1/16/24	Drafting argument	5.5
1/17/24	Review of rules re appendix and drafting argument	4.0
1/18/24	Legal research, completed drafting of argument, final revisions of brief, prep. of designation, and sending proof brief and designation to secretary	5.2
1/19/24	Review of formatted proof brief and designation and email to secretary	1.4
1/21/24	Review of Darrel Mullins' changes, as well as final review of of brief before filing and return to secretary	1.5
1/24/24	Review of filed State's proof brief, designation and other filed documents, and email to defense counsel	2.0
1/31/24	Email to defense counsel	0.2

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
1/10/24	Review of defendant's final brief, and review and revision of typos in State's final brief	1.5
1/12/24	Review of filed State's final brief	0.3

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
1/28/24	Setting up file, review of defendant's brief and designation, scheduling State's brief and review of court dockets	2.7

HOURLY RATE: **\$60.00**

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: **65.2**

AMOUNT DUE: **\$ 3,912.00**