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Mr. Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General
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Dear Mr. Olson:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your request for retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code Section 13.7, to represent the State of Iowa in criminal appeals cases. Attorney fees and costs will be paid from the Attorney General's Forfeiture Fund.

Attorney: Kevin Cmelik
814 Shawnee Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50313
Rate: \$60/hour

Sincerely,

Victoria Newton

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Executive Secretary

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February 29, 2024

Victoria Newton
Executive Secretary
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State Capitol
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Re: Retention of Special Counsel – Criminal Appeals

Dear Victoria:

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 13.7(1), the Attorney General requests the Executive Counsel to authorize retention of Mr. Kevin Cmelik, 814 Shawnee Ave., Des Moines, IA 50313 to represent State of Iowa in criminal appeals cases. Mr. Cmelik has practiced criminal law for decades, in both the State and Federal systems. He was an assistant attorney general in Criminal Appeals since approximately 2000 and was its director from 2010 to 2021. He is superbly qualified.

The hourly rate would be \$60 per hour, which is commensurate with the salary paid to experienced criminal appeals attorneys in the Office. The contract renewal would extend through FY24, with an option of renewal. Amounts paid under the contract would be paid from the Office's Forfeiture Fund.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General