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June 30, 2025

Mariah Gibb  
Acting Executive Secretary  
Executive Council  
State Capitol  
L O C A L

Re: Payment of Claims for Fees by Outside Counsel

Dear Mariah:

Our office requests Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees in the amount of \$2,544.00. 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. 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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June 23, 2025

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 - Richard Bennett

Current balance	\$2,544.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$2,544.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

*Victoria Newton*

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Acting Executive Secretary

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June 20, 2025

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – May 2025 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for May 2025 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 2025

### A. State v. Sample, No. 23-1750

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
5/13/25	Review of court order and scheduling oral argument	0.2

### B. State v. Kirby, No. 24-1205

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
5/5/25	Email to secretary re 2 <sup>nd</sup> ext. mot. and non-electronic exhibits, and review and taking notes of record	1.5
5/6/25	Review of ext. mot. and email to secretary, review and taking notes of record	2.7
5/7/25	Review and taking notes of record and review of court ruling on mot.	3.0
5/8/25	Review and taking notes of record	3.1
5/12/25	Same	4.2
5/13/25	Same	3.2
5/16/25	Review and taking notes of record and drafting statement of case	1.8
5/19/25	Drafting statement of case	2.7
5/22/25	Same	0.9
5/23/25	Same	3.3
5/25/25	Same	4.2

5/27/25	Same	2.0
5/28/25	Reviewing record re body cam exhibits and legal research	4.0
5/29/25	Unsuccessful attempt to download body cam exhibits from clerk of court and email to resend and legal research	3.0
5/31/25	Review of body cam exhibits	1.6

**C. Carter v. State, No. 23-1592**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
5/21/25	Review of briefs, decision, county attorney letter and email to secretary	1.0

<b>HOURLY RATE:</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS WORKED:</b>	<b>42.40</b>
<b>AMOUNT DUE:</b>	<b>\$2,544.00</b>