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July 7, 2025

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.....\$2,844.00

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
Executive Secretary

CC: Erinn Castleberry, Attorney General's Office

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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 \$2,844.00. 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 30, 2025

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Chief Deputy Attorney General
Attorney General Office-Hoover Bldg.
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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	\$ 2,844.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$2,844.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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Executive Secretary

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June 29, 2025

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – June 2025 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for June 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 JUNE 2025

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
6/15/25	Oral argument prep.	2.2
6/16/25	Same	5.6
6/17/25	Same	4.7
6/18/25	Same	5.8
6/19/25	Same and presenting argument	3.2

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
6/1/25	Drafting statement of case and legal research	4.5
6/2/25	Legal research and drafting argument	7.3
6/3/25	Same	6.4
6/4/25	Email to secretary re 3 rd ext., review of ext. motion and return to secretary	0.6
6/10/25	Review and revision of draft brief	2.1
6/11/25	Email to secretary, further revision to draft brief, sending draft to secretary for formatting and further emails to secretary	2.7
6/12/25	Review of formatted brief and return to secretary	0.8

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
6/4/25	Review of briefs, decision, defendant's further review app. and court orders	1.5

HOURLY RATE:	\$60.00
TOTAL HOURS WORKED:	47.4
AMOUNT DUE:	\$2,844.00