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March 6, 2023

Mr. Sam Langholz
Chief Deputy Attorney General
Attorney General's Office
Hoover Bldg.
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Dear Mr. Langholz:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved payment of the following cost items:

Richard J. Bennett, Sr.....\$2,862.00
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 9, 2023

Victoria Newton
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol
LOCAL

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 and costs in the amount of \$2,862.00 from Richard Bennett for his work in representing the State of Iowa in criminal appeals cases.

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,

Sam Langholz
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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February 7, 2023

Mr. Sam Langholz
Chief Deputy Attorney General
Attorney General Office-Hoover Bldg.
L O C A L

Re: Approval of attorney fees

Dear Mr. Langholz:

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	\$2,862.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$2,862.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

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February 6, 2023

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – January 2023 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for January 2023 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 2023

A. State v. Vogel, No. 21-1931

Date	Service Provided	Billable Hours
1/5/23	Oral argument prep. -- review of briefs and research re possible new authority	2.1
1/9/23	Oral argument prep. – review of record and case law in briefs	4.0
1/10/23	Oral argument prep. – review of record and drafting of arguments	5.0
1/11/23	Oral argument prep, -- drafting and practicing arguments	5.5
1/12/23	Practicing and presenting oral argument in Court of Appeals and meeting with victims	3.0
1/19/23	Email to secretary	0.1
1/23/23	Review of documents and emails to victims re requests for record	2.5
1/26/23	Further emails to victims	1.1
1/27/23	Email to Asst. AG Scott Brown	0.1
1/30/23	Review of earlier emails and further email to Scott Brown	0.2
1/31/23	Review of earlier emails, further emails to victims and attempted phone calls	1.0

B. State v. O'Brien, No. 22-0114

Date	Service Provided	Billable Hours
1/4/23	Review and taking notes of record	2.0

1/5/23	Same	1.3
1/11/23	Review of defendant's response to motion to strike	0.1
1/17/23	Reading and taking notes of record	1.7
1/23/23	Review of court order striking defendant's brief, scheduling due date for new brief and reading and taking notes of record	1.9
1/25/23	Reading and taking notes of record	3.4
1/27/23	Same	2.0
1/29/23	Same	2.2
1/30/23	Same	4.3
1/31/23	Same	4.2

HOURLY RATE: \$60.00

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: 47.70

AMOUNT DUE: \$ 2,862.00