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March 6, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Langholz:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your request to retain special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Luanna Hollingsworth v. Woodward Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa*, a workers' compensation case filed by a state employee.

Firm: Patterson Law Firm, L.L.P.

Attorney: Ryan Clark

505 5th Avenue

Suite 729

Des Moines, IA 50309

Rate: \$160.00 Per Hour

If you have any questions on the matter, please advise.

Sincerely,

Victoria Newton

**Executive Secretary** 

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January 26, 2023

Victoria Newton Executive Secretary Executive Council State Capitol L O C A L

Re: Request for Special Counsel

Dear Victoria:

Our office requests appointment of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Hollingsworth, Luanna v. Woodward Resource Center and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa* case filed by a state employee. Because the resolution of this claim may turn on whether the State of Iowa or the Second Injury Fund must pay workers' compensation benefits, our office cannot represent both defendants.

In order to avoid a conflict of interest, the Civil Litigation Division has contacted Ryan Clark of the Patterson Law Firm, L.L.P., 505 5th Avenue, Suite 729, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2390, to represent the Second Injury Fund. Mr. Clark has agreed to represent the Second Injury Fund at the rate of \$160.00 per hour. Our office will represent the State of Iowa.

Accordingly, we request Executive Council approval to retain Mr. Clark to represent the Second Injury Fund in this case.

Sincerely,

Sam Langholz

Chief Deputy Attorney General