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Victoria Newton
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol
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Re: Payment of Claims for Fees by Special Counsel


Dear Victoria:

Our office requests appointment of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Wessels, Debbie v. Department of Correctional Services and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa*, a 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 Special 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,


JEFFREY S. THOMPSON
Solicitor General