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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 31, 2025

Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol
L O C A L

Re: Payment of Claims for Fees by Outside Counsel

Dear Kristi:

Our office requests Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$923.00 in *Stufflebeam, Douglas v. University of Northern Iowa and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa*, a workers' compensation case filed by a state employee in which Ryan Clark, of The Patterson Law Firm, L.L.P., in Des Moines has been retained to represent the State of Iowa.

The amount of the claim appears to be reasonable and our office recommends payment.

Sincerely,

Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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Executive Council of Iowa

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July 29, 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 Patterson Law Firm for the following fees:

Douglas Stufflebeam v. University of Northern Iowa and State of Iowa and Second Injury Fund of Iowa

Current balance	\$923.00	FINAL BILL
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00	
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00	
Claims in Process	\$0.00	
Warrant sent	\$640.00	
Outstanding Total	\$923.00	

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Victoria Newton

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Acting Executive Secretary

PATTERSON LAW FIRM, L.L.P.

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Executive Council of Iowa
Kristi Onstot, Executive Council
1st Floor South, State Capitol
1007 E. Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA 50319
Attn: Jon Bergman

Invoice Date: July 29, 2025
Invoice #: 211383
Account #: IA.0178
RMC
Federal Tax I.D.: 42-0894999

RE: Stufflebeam, Douglas v. University of Northern Iowa
DOI: 07/19/2022
Claimant: Douglas Stufflebeam
Employer: University of Northern Iowa

FINAL BILL

Fees

Hours

07/01/2025	MO	Update medical chronology with records from University of Iowa and UnityPoint Health Cedar Rapids Occupational Health, consisting of 309 pages total.	1.70	153.00
07/02/2025	MO	Update medical chronology with records from Family Foot Healthcare, Advanced Diagnostic Images, Cedar Valley Medical Specialists, UnityPoint Allen Hospital & Occupational Health, MercyOne Occupational Health, and Independent Medical Evaluation report from Dr. Taylor, consisting of 179 pages total.	1.80	162.00
	RMC	Correspondence to Andy Giller and Sarah Timko regarding Second Injury Fund's Witness and Exhibit List.	0.10	16.00
07/03/2025	RMC	Receipt and review of Claimant's Witness and Exhibit List, served by Andy Giller.	0.10	16.00
07/07/2025	RMC	Receipt and review of correspondence from Andy Giller with Claimant's second settlement demand.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Correspondence to Andy Giller with second settlement offer.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Receipt and review of correspondence from Andy Giller with Claimant's third settlement demand.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Correspondence to Andy Giller with third settlement offer.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Receipt and review of correspondence from Andy Giller with fourth settlement demand.	0.10	16.00

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	RMC	Correspondence to Andy Giller with fourth settlement offer.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Receipt and review of correspondence from Andy Giller with Claimant's fifth settlement demand.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Correspondence to Andy Giller with fifth settlement offer.	0.10	16.00
07/08/2025	RMC	Receipt and review of correspondence from Andy Giller with Claimant's sixth settlement demand.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Correspondence to Jon Bergman regarding Claimant's sixth demand.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Receipt and review of billing statements from UPH, dated 9/22/22 and 8/28/24, served by Andy Giller.	0.10	16.00
07/09/2025	RMC	Receipt and review of correspondence from Jon Bergman with updated settlement authority.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Telephone conference with Andy Giller to discuss final settlement offer.	0.10	16.00
07/10/2025	RMC	Receipt and review of correspondence from Andy Giller confirming final settlement.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Correspondence to Jon Bergman advising of settlement.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Prepare Notice of Settlement for filing with Division of Workers' Compensation.	0.20	32.00
	RMC	Preparation of Compromise Settlement Documents and Addendum thereto.	0.60	96.00
	RMC	Letter to Andy Giller requesting execution and return of settlement documents.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Letter to Jon Bergman confirming preparation of settlement documents and regarding settlement check.	0.10	16.00
07/11/2025	RMC	Receipt and review of Notice of Settlement on behalf of State of Iowa, filed by Sarah Timko.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Correspondence to Andy Giller following up for Social Security Offset Language to include in settlement documents.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Receipt and review of Social Security Offset Language for settlement documents, forwarded by Andy Giller.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Update settlement document Addendum to include Social Security Offset Language.	0.10	16.00
07/24/2025	RMC	Receipt and review of signed settlement documents from Claimant's attorney, Andy Giller.	0.10	16.00

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07/28/2025	RMC	Correspondence to Division of Workers' Compensation requesting review and approval of settlement documents.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Receipt and review of signed settlement documents from Andy Giller.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Receipt and review of approved settlement documents from Division of Workers' Compensation.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Correspondence to Jon Bergman regarding approved settlement documents.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Letter to Jon Bergman regarding final billing and file closure.	0.10	16.00
	RMC	Letter to Andy Giller regarding settlement check from State of Iowa and file closure.	0.10	16.00
TOTAL FEES			7.30	923.00

Recapitulation

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ryan M. Clark	Partner	3.80	\$160.00	\$608.00
Mandelyn Oathout	Paralegal	3.50	90.00	315.00

TOTAL THIS STATEMENT	923.00
Previous Balance	\$656.00

Payments

07/22/2025	Payment on Account - Thank you!	-16.00
TOTAL BALANCE DUE		<u>\$1,563.00</u>

Aged Due Amounts

<u>Stmt Date</u>	<u>Stmt #</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Due</u>
07/15/2025	211117	640.00	640.00
			640.00