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May 6, 2024

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.....\$3,492.00
PO Box 65666
West Des Moines, IA 50265
Special Counsel for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office

Payment will be made from the Attorney General's Office's Forfeiture Fund.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Kristi Onstot

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Acting Executive Secretary

CC: Jason Garvey, Attorney General's Office

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 29, 2024

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

Re: Payment of Claims for Fees by Outside Counsel

Dear Victoria:

Our office requests Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees in the amount of \$3,492.00. 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. Under 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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April 22, 2024

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 Richard Bennett for the following fees:

Special Counsel for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office - Richard Bennett

Current balance	\$3,492.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$3,492.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Victoria Newton

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Executive Secretary

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April 17, 2024

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – March 2024 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for March 2024 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 MARCH 2024

A. Garcia v. State, No. 23-1246

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
3/14/24	Email to secretary re need for 2 nd ext.	0.1
3/17/24	Review of defendant's proof brief, review of ext. motion and order, review and taking notes of record	4.6
3/18/24	Email to secretary, review and taking notes of record	4.0
3/21/24	Review of emails re missing transcript, review of PCR transcript, review of converted criminal docket, email to secretary	2.7
3/24/24	Legal research	2.5
3/25/24	Same	2.0
3/26/24	Same	2.5
3/27/24	Review and taking notes of record, review of new rules of app. proc., drafting statement of case	3.9
3/30/24	Drafting statement of case	2.8
3/31/24	Same	3.8

B. State v. Halfhill, No. 23-0998

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
3/6/24	Reading briefs and decision and unsuccessful phone call to victim	1.0
3/7/24	Left voicemail for victim re decision	0.1
3/8/24	Phone call to victim	0.1

3/28/24	Review of briefs, decision, and defendant's further review application	1.8
3/29/24	Left voicemail for victim re further review	0.1

C. Fisher v. State, No. 23-0909

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
3/1/24	Legal research and drafting argument	2.7
3/3/24	Same	2.0
3/4/24	Same	4.5
3/5/24	Drafting statement of case	5.9
3/6/24	Same and review of draft	5.2
3/7/24	Review of draft, sending to secretary, review and revision of formatted proof brief and return to secretary	2.0
3/11/24	Preparing designation, review and minor revision of brief after review by Darrell Mullins	1.0
3/12/24	Returning brief to secretary	0.1
3/13/24	Review of designation and proof brief before filing	1.0
3/14/24	Review of filed proof brief and designation	0.7

D. State v. Russell, No. 23-0623

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hour</u>
3/5/24	Review of court order	0.1
3/22/24	Review of court order and emails to secretary and Darrell Mullins re oral argument	0.7

3/23/24	Review of emails and return email re victim letters	0.3
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HOURLY RATE:		\$60.00
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TOTAL HOURS WORKED:		58.2
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AMOUNT DUE:		\$ 3,492.00
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