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May 6, 2024

Mr. Leif Olson  
Chief Deputy Attorney General  
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Dear Mr. Olson:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your request for retention of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *John Larson v. Newton Correctional Facility 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

Sincerely,

*Kristi Onstot*

Kristi Onstot  
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April 29, 2024

Victoria Newton  
Executive Secretary  
Executive Council  
State Capitol  
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Re: Request for Special Counsel

Dear Victoria:

Our office requests Executive Council approval for appointment of outside counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.3(1) in *Larson, John v. Newton Correctional Facility 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,

Leif Olson  
Chief Deputy Attorney General