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June 3, 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.....\$1,560.00  
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.

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*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

May 28, 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 \$1,560.00. 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. Pursuant to 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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May 23, 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	\$1,560.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$1,560.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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Executive Secretary

**RICHARD J. BENNETT  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
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May 19, 2024

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – April 2024 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for April 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 APRIL 2024**

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

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
4/2/24	Legal research	0.7
4/3/24	Legal research and drafting argument	6.7
4/4/24	Drafting argument	3.6
4/5//24	Legal research and drafting argument	3.7
4/6/24	Drafting argument	3.4
4/8/24	Review and revision of brief and sending to secretary	1.5
4/10/24	Review and revision of formatted brief, checking cases and return to secretary	1.6
4/16/24	Emails to secretary, review of brief after review by Darrel Mullins, and return of brief to secretary	1.3
4/20/24	Review of filed brief	0.3

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

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
4/29/24	Review of order denying further review to the defendant and left message for victim about it	0.1

**C. Holt v. State, No. 23-0681**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
4/10/24	Review of court filing	0.1

**D. Fisher v. State, No. 23-0909**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
4/21/24	Review of Final Brief and return to secretary for filing	1.0
4/25/24	Review of filed Final Brief	0.5
4/30/24	Review of defendant's Final Brief	0.3

**E. State v. Russell, No. 23-0623**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hour</u></b>
4/2/24	Review of file, phone conference with victim and email to secretary	1.2

<b>HOURLY RATE:</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS WORKED:</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>AMOUNT DUE:</b>	<b>\$ 1,560.00</b>