

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

HON. KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

HON. PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE

HON. ROB SAND
AUDITOR OF STATE

HON. ROBY SMITH
TREASURER OF STATE

HON. MIKE. NAIG
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



Executive Council of Iowa

CAPITOL BUILDING
DES MOINES, IOWA 50319
PHONE: 515 281-5368
FAX: 515 281-7562

March 3, 2025

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.....\$4,914.00
PO Box 65666
West Des Moines, IA 50265
Special Counsel for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Mariah Gibb
Acting Executive Secretary

CC: Erinn Castleberry, Attorney General's Office

BRENNA BIRD
ATTORNEY GENERAL

LEIF OLSON
CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL



1305 E. WALNUT ST.
DES MOINES, IA 50319
Main: 515-281-5164 • Direct: 515-954-9564
Email: leif.olson@ag.iowa.gov
www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 24, 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 in the amount of \$4,914.00. 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

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
HON. KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR
HON. PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE

HON. ROB SAND
AUDITOR OF STATE
HON. ROBY SMITH
TREASURER OF STATE

HON. MIKE NAIG
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



Executive Council of Iowa

CAPITOL BUILDING
DES MOINES, IOWA 50319
PHONE: 515 281-5368
FAX: 515 281-7562

February 24, 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 Richard Bennett for the following fees:

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

Current balance	\$ 4,914.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$ 4,914.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Mariah Gibb
Acting Executive Secretary

**RICHARD J. BENNETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. Box 65666
WEST DES MOINES, IOWA 50265**

Telephone: (515) 210-6045

E-mail: rjbennettlaw@gmail.com

February 23, 2025

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – January 2025 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for January 2025 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 JANUARY 2025

A. State v. Sample, No. 23-1750

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
1/4/25	Review and taking notes of record	3.5
1/5/25	Same	6.0
1/7/25	Drafting Statement of Case	3.0
1/8/25	Same	6.0
1/13/25	Same	3.0
1/14/25	Same	5.0
1/17/25	Same	3.6
1/19/25	Same	4.0
1/23/25	Same	7.5
1/24/25	Same	4.9
1/27/25	Email to secretary and drafting Argument I	3.4
1/28/25	Legal research and drafting Argument I	3.8
1/29/25	Same	5.3
1/30/24	Same	3.6
1/31/25	Drafting Argument I	2.9

B. State v. Fremont, No. 23-0821

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
1/12/25	Review of briefs, court decision, county attorney letter and rewriting victim letter	1.9
1/13/25	Email to Darrel Mullins	0.1

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
1/12/25	Review of briefs, court decision and county attorney letter	0.4

D. Carter v. State, No. 23-1592

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
1/8/25	Review of court order to obtain substitute CD exhibit and file motion to correct record and email to secretary	0.2
1/9/25	Review of file and court dockets	2.0
1/10/25	Email to defense appellate counsel Shea Chapin, call to Scott County Atty. Office, email to Asst. County Attorney Steven Berger	1.6
1/13/25	Review of materials from Darrell Mullins and emails to Berger, Chapin, and defense trial counsel	1.5
1/15/25	Review of record, emails to Berger and review of his replies	3.0
1/16/25	Review of Rule re motion to correct record and drafting motion to correct record	2.0
1/17/25	Review of draft motion and sending to Berger for review and filing	1.0

1/21/25	Review and approval of Berger’s modifications to draft motion, emails to Berger, Chapin, and review of filed motion, email to secretary and review of district court order granting motion	2.7
---------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----

HOURLY RATE:	\$60.00
TOTAL HOURS WORKED:	81.9
AMOUNT DUE:	\$4,914.00