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October 7, 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.....\$192.00  
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

Kristi Onstot  
Executive Secretary

CC: Erinn Castleberry, Attorney General's Office

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 30, 2024

Victoria Newton  
Acting 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 \$192.00. 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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September 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	\$192.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$192.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

*Victoria Newton*

Victoria Newton  
Acting Executive Secretary

**RICHARD J. BENNETT  
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September 21, 2024

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – August 2024 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for August 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 AUGUST 2024**

**A. State v. Freemont, No. 23-0821**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
8/14/24	Review of court filings	0.1

**B. State v. Carter, No. 23-1592**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
8/8/24	Review of defendant's resistance to State's motion to strike brief and app. rule re filing a reply	0.4
8/29/24	Review of court's order re motion to strike, scheduling State's brief and review of file	2.5

**C. Holt v. State, 23-0681**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
8/24/24	Review of court filings	0.1

**D. Garcia v. State, 23-1246**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
8/15/24	Review of court filings	0.1

<b>HOURLY RATE:</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS WORKED:</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>AMOUNT DUE:</b>	<b>\$192.00</b>