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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 30, 2026

Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
State Capitol
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Re: **Retention of Special Counsel**

Dear Kristi:

Our office requests authorization under Iowa Code section 13.7 to retain the law firm of Dentons Davis Brown PC as Special Counsel to provide legal advice to the Treasurer's Office on issues in connection with the Office's duties related to banking, investments and finance.

Special Counsel's services shall be performed under the direction of Courtney Strutt Todd and Jana Weiler and compensated at standard hourly rates after applying a 10% discount for attorneys in the offices located in Iowa. Special Counsel will notify State of the use of out of state counsel prior to utilization of any such services for which the discount does not apply and will receive approval by the State prior to any work being done.

Accordingly, we request Executive Council approval to retain Dentons Davis Brown PC to represent the Treasurer's Office on these issues.

Yours truly,

Steven Blankinship
Chief Deputy Attorney General



Roby Smith
Treasurer of State

Capitol Building
1007 E Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50319

April 1, 2026

Honorable Brenna Bird
Iowa Attorney General
2nd Floor Hoover Building
Via Email

Re: Retention of Special Counsel for Matters Related to Banking, Investments and Finance

Dear Attorney General Bird:

I am writing to request that you seek Executive Council authorization to employ Dentons Davis Brown PC as Special Counsel to provide legal advice to the Treasurer's Office on issues in connection with the Office's duties related to banking, investments and finance.

Dentons Davis Brown PC provided a bid on March 23, 2026. We are seeking approval of this arrangement, along with the following Dentons' rates:

The legal services of Special Counsel shall be performed under the direction of Courtney Strutt Todd and Jana Weiler and compensated at standard hourly rates after applying a 10% discount for attorneys in the offices located in Iowa. The standard hourly rates in effect after applying the 10% discount in place at the date of this letter are as follows: Beau Gamble (\$544.50), Jason Stone (\$558), Courtney Strutt Todd (\$490.50), Jana Weiler (\$427.50) and Nicholas Bushelle (\$297). Should any services be required by attorneys out of the Iowa office, Special Counsel will notify State of the use of out of state counsel prior to utilization of any such services for which the 10% discount does not apply and receive approval by the State prior to any work being done. Standard hourly rates are subject to change.

I would respectfully request that you seek Executive Council authorization to employ Dentons Davis Brown as special counsel to provide legal advice to the Treasurer's Office on matters related to banking, investments and finance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Roby Smith

Roby Smith
Treasurer of State