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May 1, 2023

Mr. Sam Langholz
Chief Deputy Attorney General
Attorney General's Office
Hoover Bldg.
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Langholz:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved payment of the following cost items:

Richard J. Bennett, Sr.....\$2,748.00
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

Victoria Newton

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Executive Secretary

CC: Tina Palmer, Attorney General's Office

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 27, 2023

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 is forwarding to the Executive Council approval for payment of attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$2,748.00 from Richard Bennett for his work in representing the State of Iowa in criminal appeals cases.

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,

Sam Langholz
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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April 17, 2023

Mr. Sam Langholz
Chief Deputy Attorney General
Attorney General Office-Hoover Bldg.
L O C A L

Re: Approval of attorney fees

Dear Mr. Langholz:

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	\$2,748.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$2,748.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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April 16, 2023

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – March 2023 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for March 2023 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 MARCH 2023

A. State v. Vogel, No. 21-1931

Date	Service Provided	Billable Hours
3/2/23	Review of defendant's application for further review	1.0

B. State v. O'Brien, No. 22-0114

Date	Service Provided	Billable Hours
3/1/23	Organizing of file and drafting statement of the case	6.0
3/9/23	Drafting statement of the case	4.0
3/11/23	Drafting statement of the case	3.0
3/14/23	Drafting statement of the case and review of video exhibits	4.2
3/19/23	Review of video exhibits	2.5
3/20/23	Drafting statement of the case	1.5
3/21/23	Legal research and drafting argument	7.0
3/22/23	Drafting argument	6.0
3/24/23	Review and revision of formatted proof brief	3.0
3/27/23	Further review of brief, preparation of designation, and email to secretary	1.1
3/28/23	Review of brief after Darrel Mullins' revisions and return to secretary for filing, and review of designation	1.7
3/29/23	Review of filed proof brief and designation, and email to defense counsel	1.5

C. State v. Halfhill, No. 22-0395

Date	Service Provided	Billable Hours
3/7/23	Review of file and email to secretary	1.1
3/8/23	Review of decision and record, call to Darrel Mullins, and review and modification of letters to be sent to county attorney and victim	2.1
3/9/23	Phone call to county attorney	0.1

HOURLY RATE: **\$60.00**

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: **45.8**

AMOUNT DUE: **\$ 2,748.00**