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September 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.....\$3,450.00
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
Acting Executive Secretary

CC: Erinn Castleberry, Attorney General's Office

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

August 27, 2024

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 \$3,450.00. 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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August 26, 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	\$3,450.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$3,450.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Victoria Newton

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August 21, 2024

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – July 2024 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for July 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 JULY 2024

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
7/1/24	Drafting statement of case	5.4
7/2/24	Same, legal research and drafting Division I	5.5
7/3/24	Legal research and drafting Division I	4.1
7/4/24	Same	5.4
7/6/24	Same	6.1
7/11/24	Drafting division I	3.8
7/12/24	Legal research and drafting Division II	4.6
7/13/24	Same	1.5
7/14/24	Same	2.3
7/15/24	Same, review of exhibits, and sending brief to secretary	3.8
7/17/24	Review of formatted brief	1.7
7/18/24	Same and return to secretary	1.6
7/22/24	Review of brief following review by Darrel Mullins and email to secretary	1.3
7/23/24	Review of filed State's brief	0.4

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
7/7/24	Review of court dockets and defendant's brief re possible motion to strike brief and decision to not file motion	2.4

7/11/24	Review of mot. for ext. of time and email to secretary	0.1
7/30/24	Initial drafting of statement of the case, then phone call with Darrel Mullins and decision to file motion to strike, and drafting motion and sending to secretary for filing	5.1

C. State v. Russell, No.23-0623

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
7/22/24	Review of court filings and voicemail message left for victim	0.3

D. Holt v. State, No. 18-1266

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
7/3/24	Review of court's decision, briefs and letters to county attorney and victim	0.9
7/23/24	Review of defendant's further review application, briefs and court's decision	1.2

HOURLY RATE:	\$60.00
TOTAL HOURS WORKED:	57.50
AMOUNT DUE:	\$ 3,450.00