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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Kristi Onstot, Executive Secretary  
Executive Council  
State Capitol

Re: Retention of Special Counsel—*Damer v. Gelly*

Dear Kristi:

In accordance with Section 13.7(1) of the Iowa Code, our office requests permission to retain the law firm of Butzel Long as special counsel in this lawsuit. The suit, by a Michigan hunter against a group of defendants including an Iowa Department of Natural Resources officer, is pending in the Macomb County, Michigan, Circuit Court. Special counsel is necessary because the rules of court require our office to affiliate with local counsel who is admitted to practice in Michigan.

The representation would be led by Barrett Young, whom we expect will furnish the bulk of the services by Butzel Long. Mr. Young's rate is \$465 per hour; some services may be furnished by lawyers with rates of up to \$485 per hour. These are commensurate with the rates necessary to retain lawyers with the appropriate litigation experience in the metropolitan Detroit area. This representation would be paid for by general funds.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Leif Olson  
Chief Deputy Attorney General