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August 5, 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.....\$2,070.00
PO Box 65666
West Des Moines, IA 50265
Special Counsel for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office

Kevin Cmelik.....\$345.00
814 Shawnee Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50313
Special Counsel for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office

Kevin Cmelik.....\$945.00
814 Shawnee Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50313
Special Counsel for the Criminal Appeals Division of the Iowa Attorney General's Office -
Brammer

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Kristi Onstot

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Executive Secretary

CC: Erinn Castleberry, Attorney General's Office

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 29, 2024

Kristi Onston
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 \$2,070.00. 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. 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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July 22, 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	\$2,070.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$2,070.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

Kristi Onstot

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Executive Secretary

**RICHARD J. BENNETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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WEST DES MOINES, IOWA 50265**

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E-mail: rjbennettlaw@gmail.com

July 19, 2024

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – June 2024 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for June 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 JUNE 2024

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
6/2/24	Review and taking notes of record	3.8
6/4/24	Same	5.0
6/9/24	Drafting statement of case	2.3
6/14/24	Same	2.5
6/15/24	Same	5.0
6/17/24	Same and email to sec. re 2 nd ext. mot.	4.4
6/20/24	Drafting statement of case	3.3
6/22/24	Legal research	2.0
6/28/24	Same	4.0

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
6/5/24	Setting up file, review of defendant's brief and review of supreme court docket	1.0
6/11/24	Email to secretary re 1 st ext. mot.	0.1

C. Garcia v. State, No. 23-1246

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
6/13/24	Review of court filing	0.1

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
6/13/24	Review of defendant's further review application, Court decision, briefs and phone call with victim	0.8
6/17/24	Email to secretary re victim's change of address and sending decision to victim again	0.1

E. Fisher v. State, No. 23-0909

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
6/13/24	Review of court filing	0.1

HOURLY RATE:	\$60.00
TOTAL HOURS WORKED:	34.50
AMOUNT DUE:	\$ 2,070.00