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## Executive Council of Iowa

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December 4, 2023

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.....\$3,924.00  
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*

Victoria Newton  
Executive Secretary

CC: Tina Palmer, Attorney General's Office

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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

November 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 in the amount of \$3,924.00 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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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

Current balance	\$3,924.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$3,924.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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Executive Secretary

**RICHARD J. BENNETT  
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November 22, 2023

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – October 2023 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for October 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 OCTOBER 2023**

**A. State v. Shivers, 22-0437**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
10/15/23	Review of defendant's further review application, Court of Appeals decision, and briefs	1.9

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

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
10/10/23	Review of file re victim contacts and email to secretary re registered victims	0.4
10/11/23	Review of Court of Appeals decision and briefs, email to secretary, review of letters to prosecutors and registered victims	1.1

**C. State v. Halfhill, No, 23-0998**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Billable Hours</u></b>
10/10/23	Setting up file, reading defendant's brief, reviewing Supreme Court docket, and scheduling State's proof brief	1.6
10/16/23	Telephone call to registered victim	0.2
10/19/23	Email to secretary	0.1
10/24/23	Reviewing ext. motion, court order and scheduling brief	0.1

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Billable Hours</b>
10/3/23	Setting up file, reading defendant's brief, review of Supreme Court docket, and review of district court docket	4.4
10/4/23	Review of district court docket, email to secretary, review and taking notes of record	3.8
10/5/22	Review and taking notes of record	5.0
10/6/23	Same	2.5
10/9/23	Same	2.4
10/11/23	Same	3.0
10/12/23	Same	3.5
10/15/23	Same	5.0
10/16/23	Same	3.3
10/17/23	Same and email to secretary	3.5
10/18/23	Review of ext. motion, court's order, scheduling brief and drafting statement of the case	3.3
10/20/23	Drafting statement of the case	4.5
10/23/23	Same	5.7
10/25/23	Review and taking notes of video exhibits	3.3
10/30/25	Same	4.0
10/31/23	Drafting statement of the case	2.8

**HOURLY RATE:** **\$60.00**

**TOTAL HOURS WORKED:** **65.4**

**AMOUNT DUE:** **\$ 3,924.00**