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January 9, 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.....\$2,958.00
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

January 2, 2024

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 \$2,958.00 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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December 21, 2023

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

Current balance	\$2,958.00
Waiting for AG recommendation	\$0.00
Pending EC Approval	\$0.00
Claims in Process	\$0.00
Warrant sent	\$0.00
Outstanding Total	\$2,958.00

May I please have your recommendation of this payment request?

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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December 19, 2023

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

Re: Special Counsel Billing – November 2023 Invoice

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed please find my invoice for November 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 NOVEMBER 2023

A. State v. Shivers, 22-0437

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
11/25/23	Review of court orders and closing file	0.2

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
11/2/23	Review of defendant's further review appl., Court of Appeals decision, and briefs, and email to Darrel Mullins and scheduling resistance to further review	2.0
11/3/23/23	Emails to Darrel Mullins and secretary, review of appellate rules, and drafting resistance	2.3
11/4/23	Drafting resistance	3.7
11/5/23	Same	4.0
11/6/23	Same and sending draft of resistance to secretary	3.3
11/7/23	Review and revision of formatted resistance and return to secretary	1.2
11/9/23	Review after Darrel Mullins' review	0.3
11/13/23	Review of filed resistance to further review	0.3

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
11/13/23	Review of defendant's prior appeal file, prior briefs, and Court of Appeals decision	0.8

11/14/23	Same and drafting proof brief	2.3
11/15/23	Email to secretary and drafting brief	5.0
11/16/23	Drafting brief	5.5
11/19/23	Same	6.3
11/20/23	Same and sending brief to secretary for formatting	4.7
11/26/23	Review of court orders, filed proof brief and designation	1.5
11/29/23	Telephone conference with registered victim	0.3

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
11/2/23	Drafting statement of case	1.0
11/15/23	Email to secretary re motion for ext. of time	0.1
11/25/23	Review of ext. motion and court order	0.1
11/26/23	Drafting statement of case	2.0

E. Holt v. State, No. 23-0681

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Billable Hours</u>
11/3/23	Initial review and email to Darrel Mullins	0.3
11/13/23	Setting up file, review of defendant's brief, of supreme court docket and direct appeal brief	1.9
11/15/23	Email to secretary re motion for ext. of time	0.1
11/25/23	Review of motion and court order	0.1

HOURLY RATE:	\$60.00
TOTAL HOURS WORKED:	49.3
AMOUNT DUE:	\$ 2,958.00