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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 Honorable Michael S. Gulledge  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
333-D Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Representative Gulledge:

You have asked whether there is any conflict of interest in someone holding public office who is also a fifty percent owner in a weekly newspaper. You have further informed me that the public office is County Treasurer. Simultaneous holding of these two positions would not violate the dual office holding provision of the South Carolina Constitution.

Also, please note that I have discussed this matter with other attorneys in this office to determine whether other ethical violations might arise from holding these positions, and I do not foresee any problems.

If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

James W. Johnson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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