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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

June 22, 1981

*1 Honorable John D. Bradley, III
Member
House of Representatives
326-D Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Bradley:

Thank you for your letter of June 2, 1981, stating that a number of children have been placed in the custody of the Department of Social Services. An attorney, who is a member of the local Department of Social Services Board and whose wife is in a supervisory position in the Department of Social Services, may undertake to represent some of those defendants.

You inquire whether or not, in my opinion, there is a conflict which would prevent his representation of those defendants.

While I have a personal opinion on the matter, I will not express it, but, instead, I suggest that the matter can properly be submitted to the Committee on Professional Responsibility of the State Bar Association, with a request for quick consideration. This is the normal procedure which has been followed by me in other cases of this nature and I suggest that it be followed in this instance. The Chairman of the Ethics Subcommittee of the Professional Responsibility Committee is Robert H. Hood, Post Office Box 340, Charleston, S. C. 29402.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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