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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to whether the Richland County Public Defender's Office is an employer within the meaning of [§ 9-1-10, 1976 Code](#) of Laws. Public Defenders' Offices are created by § 17-3-60 and constitute an eleemosynary corporation created by the Bar of the County. However, § 17-3-70 provides that the funds for the maintenance of defender corporations are to be appropriated to the Judicial Department and administered by that department. Based on the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Public Defender's Offices are agencies of the State and therefore 'employers' under [§ 9-1-10](#).

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington

Assistant Attorney General

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