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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 77-207

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*1 Mr. Monty Coles
Finance Director
County of Florence
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Coles:

Solicitor Kenneth Summerford has requested my opinion on the authority of the County of Florence to make appropriations for supplies and equipment to be utilized in the office of the solicitor.

In accordance with the Family Court Act, solicitors receive from State appropriations the following:

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It is my opinion that these amounts are not subject to increase by the counties.

State law also provides that each solicitor may appoint such assistant solicitors, investigators and secretaries as are provided by the counties of the circuit in which they serve. It is my understanding that provision is made in the Twelfth Circuit for six assistant solicitors and for two secretaries, in view of the workload of criminal cases in that circuit.

Where assistant solicitors, secretaries, etc., are provided from funding other than State funds, there is, in my opinion, no reason why appropriations may not be made by counties for supplies and equipment to be utilized by such personnel in the performance of their duties. It is obvious to me that provision for such incidental expenses would be necessary in order to enable them to carry out their duties and functions as directed by the solicitor. Funds for the expenses for the solicitor provided by the State are clearly not sufficient to cover expenses of the additional personnel, and provision therefor by the counties would not be in violation of the statutes referred to herein.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General

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