

## The State of South Carolina OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

CHARLES MOLONY CONDON ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 13, 1996

The Honorable Allen H. Dunn Clerk of Court Edgefield County Edgefield, SC 29824

Dear Mr. Dunn:

You have asked whether acknowledgments executed within this State may be recognized for recording. As you note, a previous opinion of this Office held that acknowledgements could not be accepted unless executed out of State, but this opinion preceded relevant amendments to this statute. Ops. Atty. Gen. (7-24-90). Acknowledgements executed within this State, now appear to be recognized under the terms of S.C. Code Ann. §30-5-30 (B) (Supp. 1995) (copy enclosed). Therefore, the terms of this amended statute should now be followed.

This letter is an informal opinion. It has been written by the designated Assistant Deputy Attorney General and represents the opinion of the undersigned attorney as to the specific questions asked. It has not, however, been personally reviewed by the Attorney General nor officially published in the manner of a formal opinion.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure