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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Henry:

The South Carolina Code of Laws and the State Constitution set the term of office for solicitors as four years. Both, however, fail to provide a fixed date for the beginning of respective terms. I plan to remedy this shortcoming by legislative means during the forthcoming session.

In the meantime, I feel the best course to follow in this regard is to continue the established practice of commencing solicitor terms at noon on the first Wednesday following the second Tuesday in January next after being elected. Terms of office would then begin based on the same rationale as used for other elected officials of the Executive Department of State Government. Thus in my opinion, the next term beginning date is January 14, 1981.

Should designated date pose a problem for you or your successor, please let me know immediately. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you soon.

Truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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