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Dear Kelly,

In response to your letter of May 17, 1977, it is the opinion of this Office that an individual holding himself out to be a 'public adjuster' would not fall under the domain of the Department of Insurance. South Carolina Code Sections 37-221 to 37-226 make no provision for insurance adjusters other than those connected with insurance companies. Therefore, 'public adjusters' representing members of the public in adjusting claims, are not presently regulated under the South Carolina Code.

While the individual in question may not be subject to any action by the Department of Insurance, I believe that this Office should investigate this matter for the possibility that this individual has engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. In order to provide us with further information, would you please send this Office the file concerning this matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

With best regards, I am
Very truly yours,

Keith M. Babcock
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