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\*1 Honorable Louis Rosen  
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Dear Mr. Rosen:

You have requested the opinion of this Office regarding the responsibility of providing forms which are used in the family courts. You seek to determine whether the responsibility for providing such forms rests with the county.

South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, § 14-21-485, provides as follows:

The General Assembly shall in the Annual General Appropriations Act provide for the salaries, equipment and supplies of family court judges and the court reporters and secretaries authorized by the provisions of Item (C), § 14-21-420. All other costs necessary for the operation of the family court system in a county including the salaries of necessary support personnel shall be provided for by the governing body of that county. (emphasis added).

It is the opinion of this Office that the provisions which must be supplied to the judge by the Court Administration are those provisions which relate directly to the functioning of the judge's office. Such provisions would include, for example, stationery and other such equipment. The law does not require that the Court Administrator's Office provide necessary material for the functioning of the family court. It is, therefore, the opinion of this Office that the Court Administrator's Office is not required to provide forms for the use of the family courts.

I hope this has been of some assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

Katherine W. Hill  
Assistant Attorney General

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