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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable T. J. Sibert, Jr.
Treasurer
McCormick County
McCormick County Courthouse
McCormick, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Sibert:

Senator Drummond has requested that this Office answer the question of whether or not the circuit judge in a criminal trial for a capital offense may order the county to pay attorney's fees of \$750.00 to each of the appointed attorneys for representing indigent clients. The new capital punishment statute, Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly No. 1109 (1974), provides under Section 2:

Such appointed counsel shall be paid such fee and costs as the court shall deem appropriate.

In light of this language, it would seem that the court has the statutory authority to order the county to pay the funds in this case.

Sincerely,

A. Camden Lewis
Assistant Attorney General

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