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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 RE: Utilization of private counsel.**

Dr. Joseph R. Beard
President
South Carolina State Board of Dentistry
1406 N. Fant Street
Anderson, SC 29621

Dear Dr. Beard:

It has recently come to my attention that the Board of Dentistry is employing in some degree the professional services of Heyward E. McDonald, Esq. Mr. McDonald enjoys a very fine reputation as an attorney and is, no doubt, well qualified to advise the Board.

Nevertheless, I feel it necessary to mention the provisions of Section 1-235, S. C. Code of Laws (1962) which require the advice and consent of the Attorney General in order for a board to employ private counsel. The reason for this law, as I understand it, is to allow the Attorney General an input to official decisions which the Attorney General would be required by law to defend should they ever be the subject of suit. I would be happy to discuss with you any need for additional legal assistance from this office, as would, I am sure, the Attorney General himself.

Very truly yours,

John B. Grimball
Assistant Attorney General

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