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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 In Re: Use of Tape Recorders in Courtrooms**

Mr. Denny Little
News Director
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Dear Mr. Little:

You have inquired as to the law of the State relating to the use of tape recorders in courtrooms.

There is no statute or promulgated rule or regulation with reference to this subject, the only general rule being that the presiding judge has discretionary authority to issue rules and regulations designed to insure that justice is administered with decorum and justice. 100 A.L.R. 2d 1407-8.

As the matter now stands, the use of a tape recorder in a courtroom during trial is a matter within the jurisdiction of the trial judge.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman
Deputy Attorney General

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