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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

February 22, 1972

***1 In Re: Autopsies**

Honorable M. N. Pressley
Coroner
Laurens, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Pressley:

It is the opinion of this Office that any licensed medical doctor is qualified to perform a partial autopsy to determine cause of death. The only difference, as I see it, is that the testimony of an M.D. who specializes in pathology would probably be entitled to more weight in court—not as a matter of law, but as a matter of fact.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman
Deputy Attorney General

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