



The State of South Carolina
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Mr. Charles O'Quinn
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Re: Certificate of Authorization in Order to Practice Land Surveying in South Carolina

Dear Mr. O'Quinn:

This letter is a follow-up to your correspondence dated May 23, 2002, to Attorney General Condon and my correspondence dated April 10, 2002, concerning the above-referenced opinion request. Prior to my providing Senator McGill with a copy of South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Deputy General Counsel Sharon A. Dantzler's opinion, I reviewed her opinion and am in agreement with her conclusion that S.C. Code §§40-22-20(13), 40-22-30(A)(3) and 40-22-250 require that professional engineers or land surveyors who practice through a firm must obtain a valid certificate of authorization for that firm.

This is an informal opinion. It has been written by the designated Senior Assistant Attorney General and represents the opinion of the undersigned attorney as to the specific question asked. It has not, however, been personally reviewed by the Attorney General nor has it been officially published in the manner of a formal opinion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. Havird Jones, Jr.", written over a printed name.

C. Havird Jones, Jr.
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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cc: The Honorable Yancey McGill