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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 The Honorable Kay Patterson
Member
House of Representatives
6815 Gavilan Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Thank you for your letter of November 22, 1976, inquiring if the right to work law prohibits the requirement that all lawyers in South Carolina be a member in good standing of the South Carolina Bar.

The State Bar is created pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme Court and is not therefore in the nature of a private organization. I have heretofore expressed the opinion that the right to work law is not applicable to the public sector and, in my view, the South Carolina State Bar comes within the general category of a public entity as opposed to a private entity.

I do not therefore feel that the right to work law has application to the South Carolina State Bar.

A copy of the opinion to which I have referred is enclosed herewith.

If I may be of any further service, please call upon me.

With best wishes,
Cordially,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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