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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 In Re: Criminal Prosecutions, Right of Victim's Family to Assist in Prosecuting by Employing Attorney to Participate in Trial.**

John Roy Harper, II, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Harper:

You have inquired whether or not the family of the victim of a crime has the legal right to have private counsel participate with a circuit solicitor in the criminal trial of the accused.

All criminal prosecutions are entirely within the scope of the State's authority, or the authority of the Federal Government in proper cases, to prosecute. A private individual has no legal right to have private counsel participate in the criminal trial of the accused.

Very truly yours,

Joseph C. Coleman
Deputy Attorney General

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