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Subject: AG's Opinion

Katrina and Swati: Here is an opinion issued today by the AG's Office advising that Chief Magistrate Patton's appointment as Acting Coroner is authorized by section 17-5-50(B) of the SC Code of Laws and does not violate the "dual office holding" provisions of the SC Constitution in that the statute falls under the "ex officio/incidental duties" exception. I completely agree. Furthermore, CJ Patton is one of the state's most capable magistrate judges. She will perform these additional statutorily mandated duties with distinction. Best regards to you both. Jean

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