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By Duncan Alford and Glenda Thompson Farrell

The Internet is a useful tool for lawyers, providing quick and easy access to a wealth of information.

General Information

The state of South Carolina's Official Web Site is www.state.sc.us/. The site provides links to nearly all state government agencies and all branches of state government. A list of South Carolina state agency Web sites can be found at www.state.sc.us/stateage.html.

The South Carolina Reference Desk (www.law.sc.edu/refdes.sc.htm) is maintained by the Coleman Karesh Law Library of the University of South Carolina School of Law. This site contains numerous links to South Carolina legal information organized in four categories: courts, legislature, executive and reference.

The South Carolina Bar's Web site is located www.sctbar.org and

includes information for Bar members as well as general information that's geared toward the public.

The South Carolina Budget and Control Board, Office of Research and Statistics' site, www.orss.state.sc.us, contains a variety of statistics related to South Carolina.

The South Carolina State Constitution can be accessed at www.lpitr.state.sc.us/reports/sccnst00.htm.

Statutes

The text of current and pending legislation can be viewed at the South Carolina General Assembly's Web site at www.lpitr.state.sc.us. The *Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976* is available online at www.lpitr.state.sc.us/code/statmast.htm.

The current *House* and *Senate Journals* can be found at www.lpitr.state.sc.us/today.htm. Back

journals are also available online at www.lpitr.state.sc.us/basement.htm.

Internet users can also check on the status of current bills in General Assembly at www.leginfo.state.sc.us/work/112/bills/billinfonew.asp by searching under the bill number. Searching by keyword is available at www.leginfo.state.sc.us/work/113/query.asp.

Legislative Update, published by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, is available at www.sccc.org. Searches can be done by using the "Legislature" button. The site contains abstracts of the bills introduced in the General Assembly.

Local Ordinances

- Municipal Codes Online: www.spl.org/govpubs/municode.html. Contains ordinances of Charleston, Edgefield County and Isle of Palms.

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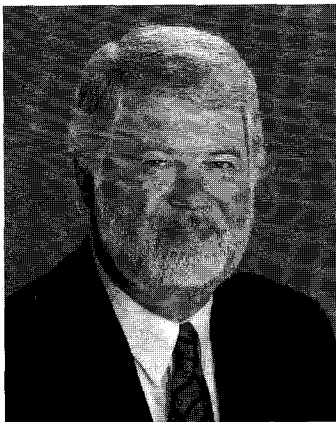
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- Municipal Code Corporation: www.municode.com/listofcodes.html. Contains ordinances of selected South Carolina cities and counties.

Administrative Materials

- *South Carolina State Register*: www.lpittr.state.sc.us/register.htm.

- *Executive Orders of the Governor of South Carolina*: www.lpittr.state.sc.us/reports.htm.

- *South Carolina Code of Regulations*: www.lpittr.state.sc.us/coderegs/statmast.htm.

- *South Carolina Department of Revenue Regulations*: www.dor.state.sc.us/regs.html.

- *Revenews*, a quarterly publication of the South Carolina Department of Revenue: www.dor.state.sc.us/revenews/revenews.html.

- *Opinions of the Attorney General of South Carolina*: www.scattorneygeneral.org/.

(Web version does not contain all opinions.)

- *Administrative Law Judge Opinions*: www.law.sc.edu/alj/alj.htm. This site is maintained by the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Directories

- *South Carolina Bar Online Lawyer Directory*: www.scbare.org/lawyer_directory.asp. May be searched by first name, last name, county and state.

- *South Carolina Legislative Manual*: www.leginfo.state.sc.us/man99/manual99.html. Contains descriptions of all the state agencies, legislative agencies and biographies of key state government officials.

- The State of South Carolina Official Web site includes a directory of state officials: www.state.sc.us/phone/.

Periodicals

- *South Carolina Law Review's* Web page contains selected recent articles: www.law.sc.edu/sclr/wpnew.htm.

- *South Carolina Lawyer* magazine, published bimonthly by the South Carolina Bar: www.scbare.org/scl.htm. A cumulative subject index can be found on the Web at www.scbare.org/scl_articles_index.htm. Back issues are available at www.scbare.org/scl_articles_past.htm.

- *SC Bar News* newsletter, published bimonthly by the South Carolina Bar: www.scbare.org/sc_bar_news.htm.

- *South Carolina Environmental Law Journal*, a semi-annual journal published by the University of South Carolina School of Law: www.law.sc.edu/elj/eljhp.htm.

Newspapers

Several South Carolina newspapers produce online editions that are available to the public.

- *The State*, Columbia: www.the.state.com.

- *The Post & Courier*, Charleston: www.charleston.net/.

- *Greenville News-Piedmont*, Greenville: www.greenvilleonline.com.

- *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*, Spartanburg: www.goupstate.com.

- *The Herald*, Rock Hill: www.heraldonline.com.

- *The Charlotte Observer*, Charlotte: www.charlotte.com/observer.

- *The Sun News*, Myrtle Beach: www.myrtlebeachaccess.com.

- *The Item*, Sumter: www.theitem.com.

South Carolina Legal Information Centers

- University of South Carolina Coleman Karesh Law Library: www.law.sc.edu/lawlib.htm.
- South Carolina Supreme Court Library: www.state.sc.us/judicial/ (under construction).
- South Carolina State Library: www.state.sc.us/scsl/.

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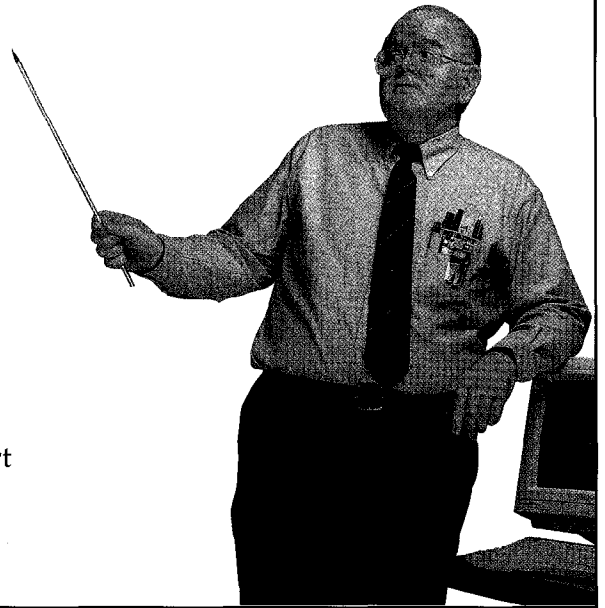
Case Reports

- South Carolina Supreme Court opinions (recent): www.law.sc.edu/opinions/opinions.htm.
- South Carolina Court of Appeals decisions (recent): www.law.sc.edu/ctapp/scctapp.htm.
- U.S. District Court opinions (recent): www.law.sc.edu/dsc/dsc.htm.

- Practice forms for the U.S. District Court: www.scd.uscourts.gov/docs/forms.htm.

Court Rules

- Local Rules of the U.S. District Court for South Carolina: www.scd.uscourts.gov/docs/pubs.htm.



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