

October 7, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley Governor, State of South Carolina 1205 Pendleton Street Columbia, SC 29201

Re: SCWLA Offers a Helping Hand

Dear Governor Haley:

On behalf of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, I write to offer the assistance of South Carolina's women lawyers in this time of tragedy. Just yesterday, our Board of Directors voted to postpone our annual convention, previously scheduled for October 23 at the USC School of Law. Our theme had been "Back to the Future," and our convention would have focused on helping young lawyers get a "good start" in their careers. Instead, today, I sent a letter to our members stating that we should put "first things first." Accordingly, the South Carolina Women Lawyers are dedicating October 23, the day scheduled for our convention, as a day of public service. Through our regional representatives across the state, we will identify opportunities to aid those who need a helping hand.

We thank you for your leadership in this time of crisis. It has reassured all of us to see you, and hear you, calming our collective fears and guiding our collective efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite S. Willis

President, South Carolina Women Lawyers Association

cc: SCWLA members

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