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Office of the Attorney General
State of Mississippi

Opinion No. 2002-0082

March 8, 2002

Re: The Purchase of Legal Advertisement

Honorable Leroy Brooks

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Attorney General Mike Moore has received your letter of request and referred it to me for research and reply.

Your letter states:

I have attached a copy of a local tabloid paper, *the Packet*. The editor, Mr. Roger Larson, has requested that the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors purchase legal ads in his paper. No action has been taken on his request. I am writing for an opinion regarding this matter.

My question is a simple one. Does this paper meet the criteria that will allow the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors to purchase legal advertisement?

I appreciate your consideration in this matter and look forward to hearing from you. If you have questions, please call me at 662-329-5871.

We have reviewed the copy of *The Columbus Packet* submitted with your letter of request.

The publication requirements for legal notices in newspapers are set forth in Section 13-3-31 (1984). Due to the length of the statute, we have enclosed a copy thereof in the entirety.

We have previously opined that all the qualifications of Section 13-3-31 are equally important and that a newspaper must meet all the statutory qualifications to be qualified to publish legal notices. MS AG Op., Haque (May 22, 1990).

The determination of whether the publication in question satisfies the requirements of Section 13-3-31 is factual and this office, by way of official opinion, cannot make such factual determination pursuant to [Miss. Code Ann. Section 7-5-25 \(1997\)](#).

Sincerely,
Mike Moore
Attorney General

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