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Office of the Attorney General  
State of Mississippi

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Re: Newspaper (Legal Ads)

Robert M. Carter, Esquire  
Attorney for City of New Albany

Dear Mr. Carter:

Attorney General Jim Hood received your letter of request and assigned it to me for research and reply.

**Issue Presented**

You ask what is required of a newspaper in order for it to be designated as a “legal publication” within your city and county.

**Response**

[Mississippi Code Annotated Section 13-3-31 \(Supp. 2007\)](#) sets forth the requirements that a newspaper must meet in order to have legal notices published therein. Legal notices must be published in a newspaper that meets all the criteria set forth in [Section 13-3-31](#). The municipal governing authorities must make the factual determination as to whether a particular newspaper meets that criteria.

For your information please see the enclosed copies of our opinions to Ms. Jamie Jacks, dated January 11, 2008 and Rebecca Cartledge Taylor, dated October 27, 2006 which discuss the criteria of [Section 13-3-31](#).

Sincerely,  
Jim Hood  
Attorney General

By: Phil Carter  
Special Assistant Attorney General

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