The Supreme Court of South Carolina

RE: Criminal Domestic Violence Pro Bong Program

ORDER

The Attorney General of South Carolina has initiated a program that will use <u>pro bono</u> lawyers to prosecute criminal domestic violence cases in magistrate and municipal courts. This program is being piloted in Kershaw and Orangeburg Counties. It is anticipated that a lawyer in this program will be trying multiple criminal domestic violence cases during a single day of court.

We find it appropriate to give these lawyers credit for this service under Rule 608, SCACR. Accordingly, an attorney who is appointed as a prosecutor under this program shall receive credit for one appointment for every month in which the lawyer tries cases under this program. The Attorney General shall notify the appropriate county clerk of court when a

lawyer is entitled to credit under this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Columbia, South Carolina

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