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Appointment of Corporation as Agent under 29 M.R.S.A. § 1656

In your memorandum of June 30, 1967, you have asked:

QUESTION:

Under 29 M.R.S.A. § 1656, may a corporation act as an agent upon whom lawful process may be served?

ANSWER:

No.

OPINION:

The provisions of 29 M.R.S.A. § 1656 go beyond the mere appointment of an agent for acceptance of service of process, by providing that such agent may be required to appear in Court on behalf of the principal. This provision appears to contemplate the appearance in court of an individual for the purpose of defending the principal, and it is our opinion that such was the legislative intent.

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