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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

September 2, 1981

***1** Honorable David H. Maring
Chief Judge
Family Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
Post Office Box 806
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

Dear Judge Maring:

Mr. Halford has referred your request for an opinion concerning the effect of the newly amended South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 7-5-120, to me for reply. You have inquired if this section, which allows a person convicted of a criminal matter to vote, would render that person duly qualified for serving on a jury.

If the person is otherwise qualified, has served his term including probation and parole, and is a duly registered voter, he would be eligible to serve on a jury panel. See in general [South Carolina Constitution, Article V, Section 18](#); [State v. Middleton](#), 207 S.C. 478, 36 S.E.2d 742 (1946); [State v. Waitus](#), 224 S.C. 12, 77 S.E.2d 256 (1953); [Moorer v. The State of South Carolina](#), 244 S.C. 102, 135 S.E.2d 713 (1964).

Sincerely,

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