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Real Estate Commission
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Dear Mr. Owings:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation wherein you asked the affect of a pardon granted by the South Carolina Probation, Pardon and Parole Board to an individual who had been convicted of a crime in this state, I offer the following information: A full pardon 'relieves the punishment and blots out of existence the guilt of the offender to such an extent that in the eye of the law he is as innocent as if he had never committed the offense.' It is further generally held that a full and unconditional pardon restores to the offender the customary civil rights which belong to a citizen. See 59 Am.Jur.2d Pardon and Parole, §§ 51 and 57. In view of the general law on this subject, I can see no reason why a prior licensee who had received a full pardon would not be qualified to be issued a real estate license by the Board.

Very truly yours,

Emmet H. Clair
Assistant Attorney General

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