



South Carolina Department of Public Safety
Office of General Counsel

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Thank you for your recent inquiries regarding South Carolina's treatment of North Carolina's "Prayer for Judgment Continued" and/or "PJC." Although I left a voice message for you several weeks ago, I did promise a written follow-up.

South Carolina does not recognize the Prayer for Judgment Continued and/or PJC as judgments for any administrative action taken on the part of the Division of Motor Vehicles. The document is microfilmed and does not become part of the person's driving record. Action is only taken when and if a conviction is received. South Carolina's preference is not to see the Prayer for Judgment Continued and/or PJC at all.

As to your second query, the "Nolo Contendere" plea is defined and treated by our statute as a conviction. Refer to §56-1-10 (11) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

I hope these expert opinions assist you in the representation of our licensees. Feel free to contact me again if needed.

Sincerely,


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