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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary
State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
101 NE 51st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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Dear Dr. Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision intends to take with respect to medical licensee MD 21537 in case 15-05-5144. The licensee was involved in a medical malpractice suit, which resulted in the Board filing a complaint against the licensee. After hearing, the Board suspended the license for one year, imposed a \$25,000 fine, required the licensee to pay the costs of the action, and required the licensee to reappear before the Board on September 13, 2018. (*See* A.G. Opin. 2017-566a). The licensee failed to pay the fine and costs and failed to appear at the meeting. The Board proposes to revoke the license without the right to reapply.

The Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act authorizes the Board to suspend or revoke a license and order other appropriate sanctions against a licensee for unprofessional conduct, which includes “[c]onviction or confession of a crime involving violation of . . . the laws of this state” and “[d]ishonorable or immoral conduct which is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public.” 59 O.S.Supp.2018, §§ 503, 509(7-8). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to protect the citizens of Oklahoma.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State’s policy of protecting the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Oklahoma.

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