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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Charla Slabotsky, Executive Director
Oklahoma Real Estate Commission
1915 N. Stiles Ave., Ste. 200
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

October 27, 2015

Dear Executive Director Slabotsky:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission intends to take pursuant to a consent agreement. The proposed action is to suspend the broker associate license of Scott Alan Briggs for 90 days and also impose a fine of \$2,000. The licensee signed the name of a Commission representative—without that person’s knowledge or consent—on a form submitted to the Hawaii Real Estate Commission as part of an application for licensure in Hawaii.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Commission to discipline licensees who engage in “conduct which constitutes untrustworthy, improper, fraudulent, or dishonest dealings.” 59 O.S.2011, § 858-312(8). The action seeks to discipline a licensee who has engaged in dishonest conduct. Honesty is a vital component of many professions, and real estate in particular requires that those buying or selling property be able to trust the statements and actions of their real estate agents. The Commission may believe that a temporary suspension and fine will adequately deter future conduct that would compromise the trust placed in real estate agents by the public.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma’s policy to protect the public from fraud and breaches of trust by real estate agents.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA