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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Christine McEntire, Director
Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board
3625 NW 56th Street, Ste. 100
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

October 27, 2015

Dear Director McEntire:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board intends to take with respect to the application for credentials of David L. Ständridge. The proposed action is to deny the application because of the applicant's prior felony conviction for obtaining money by false pretenses.

The Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2014, §§ 858-700–858-732, requires the Board to deny applications for certain credentials if the applicant has a felony conviction at any time that involved "fraud, dishonesty, a breach of trust, or money laundering," 59 O.S.Supp.2014, § 858-717. The action seeks to enforce this straightforward statutory requirement that attempts to promote the integrity of real estate appraisals by barring individuals with relevant criminal history from entering the profession. Obtaining money by false pretenses is clearly a crime involving fraud and dishonesty.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma's policy to improve the reliability of real estate appraisals, particularly when connected to financial transactions.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA