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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Richard Pierson, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol
and Drug Counselors
101 NE 51st Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

September 30, 2015

Dear Executive Director Pierson:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors intends to take. The proposed action is to deny a request for reinstatement of a license that expired due to failure to seek renewal over three years ago.

The Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2014, §§ 1870–1885, requires that “a person whose . . . license has been expired for more than one (1) year shall not be reinstated. A person may reapply for a new . . . license.” 59 O.S.2011, § 1878(D). The action seeks to enforce this straightforward requirement contained in statute. Such enforcement ensures that those who initially meet the qualifications required for licensed alcohol and drug counselors, *see* 59 O.S.Supp.2014, § 1876, continue to be able to meet such requirements after having not been licensed to practice in Oklahoma for a substantial period of time.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma’s policy to ensure Oklahomans receive drug and alcohol treatment from competent, qualified providers.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA