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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

January 13, 2016

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 with respect to Board case C-2015-009. The proposed action is to revoke the license of a licensed broker for failure to notify the Board of a felony conviction and for commission of a crime involving moral turpitude. The licensee pled guilty to four counts of conspiracy to commit fraud after engaging in an investor fraud scheme involving approximately \$2,000,000.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Board to impose discipline on licensees who “[d]isregard[] or violat[e] any provision of the Oklahoma Real Estate License Code or rules promulgated by the Commission” and on those “[u]nworth[y] to act as a real estate licensee” because of a “crime involving moral turpitude.” 59 O.S.2011, § 858-312(9), (15). The Code further imposes an obligation on a licensee of the Board to “notify the Commission in writing of the conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any felony offense within thirty (30) days after the plea is taken and also within thirty (30) days of the entering of an order of judgment and sentencing. 59 O.S.2011, § 858-301.2. The action seeks to enforce these statutory requirements in circumstances involving convictions for a wide-ranging scheme of investor fraud. The Board may reasonably believe that the revocation of a license will protect the public from compromised real estate representation.

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 uphold standards of professionalism and integrity among real estate agents.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA