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

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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 with respect to license LADC 956. The proposed action is to deny a request for reinstatement of the license that expired more than one year before the request was submitted.

The Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2015, §§ 1870–1885, states 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.2015, § 1876, continue to be able to meet such requirements after having not been licensed to practice in Oklahoma for a year or more.

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 that Oklahomans receive drug and alcohol treatment from competent, qualified providers.

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