

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2017-782A

Christine McEntire, Director Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board 3625 N.W. 56th St., Ste. 100 Oklahoma City, OK 73112 November 8, 2017

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 licensee 12615CRA in Board complaint 16-044. The licensee's renewal application falsely represented that no discipline had been imposed in other jurisdictions during the preceding three years. The Board proposes to require completion of corrective education courses and payment of a \$500 fine.

The Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act authorizes the Board "[t]o censure, suspend and revoke certificates pursuant to the disciplinary proceedings provided in [the Act,]" see 59 O.S.Supp.2016, § 858-706(7), and to require payment of fines and costs and the completion of educational programs. *Id.* § 858-723(A)(7)-(9). The Board may discipline licensees who "[p]rocur[e] or attempt[] to procure a certificate...by knowingly making a false statement...in an application for certification or through any form of fraud or misrepresentation." *Id.* § 858-723(C)(1). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to prevent future violations.

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's policy to uphold standards of competency and professionalism among real estate appraisers.

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