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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2017-821A

Richard Pierson, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol
and Drug Counselors
P.O. Box 54388
Oklahoma City, OK 73154

December 1, 2017

Dear Executive Director Pierson:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors intends to take with respect to the application of L.P. The proposed action is to deny the application of L.P. for failure to pass the oral exam. The applicant has failed the exam eleven times.

The Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors Act authorizes the Board to deny the application for licensure of any person who has not “[p]ass[ed] an examination.” 59 O.S.2011, § 1876 (C)(2). The action enforces the statutory requirements to become a licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor. The Board may reasonably believe that denying the application is necessary to ensure that licensure applicants meet minimum standards of aptitude.

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’s policy to ensure that only qualified applicants become License Alcohol and Drug Counselors.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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