

Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-107A

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Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision 101 NE 51st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Dr. Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision intends to take pursuant to a consent agreement with medical licensee MD 22433 in case 16-08-5349. The licensee previously pled guilty to a misdemeanor related to an event where he struck a woman on the buttocks. Subsequently, a patient filed a complaint against the licensee for sending explicit text messages. The Board proposes to place the licensee on probation for five years. The probation comes with standard probation terms as well as specific terms for this particular licensee.

The Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act authorizes the Board to suspend or revoke a license and order other appropriate sanctions against a licensee for unprofessional conduct, which includes "[d]ishonorable or immoral conduct which is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public," and "[e]ngaging in . . . verbal behavior which is seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, §§ 503, 509(8), (17). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to protect public health.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy of protecting the health safety and well-being of the citizens of Oklahoma.

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