



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2018-150A

Kathy Hart, Executive Director  
State Board of Licensure for Professional  
Engineers and Land Surveyors  
220 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 120  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

April 25, 2018

Dear Executive Director Hart:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors intends to take pursuant to consent agreements in cases 2017-083, 2017-084, and 2018-001. Each case involves the offering of engineering services without a license. The details of the violations and the proposed action for each respondent are attached on Appendix A.

Oklahoma law provides that, “[i]n order to safeguard life, health and property, and to promote the public welfare,” it is unlawful for unlicensed persons “to practice or to offer to practice engineering and land surveying . . . in this state[.]” 59 O.S.2011, § 475.1. A firm practicing or offering to practice engineering or land surveying services in this state must be “issued a certificate of authorization by the Board.” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 475.21(A)(2). The Board may “issue orders [and] levy administrative fines . . . if a person . . . [f]ail[s] to comply with any of the provisions of [this Act] or any of the rules or regulations pertaining thereto.” *Id.* § 475.18(A)(4). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors has adequate support for the conclusion that the proposed actions advance the State’s policy to protect public welfare.

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MIKE HUNTER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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AMANDA OTIS  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

**APPENDIX A**

<b>Board Case No.</b>	<b>Details of Violation</b>	<b>Proposed Action</b>
2017-083	The licensee aided and assisted a non-licensed person in offering and practicing engineering services without a license	Issue a reprimand and require licensee to pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty.
2017-084	The respondents offered and practiced engineering services without a license	Require each respondent to pay a \$3,500 administrative penalty and to cease and desist offering engineering services without a license.
2018-001	The respondents offered and practiced engineering services without a license	Require each respondent to pay a \$1,000 administrative penalty and to cease and desist offering engineering services without a license.