

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-30A

Charla Slabotsky, Executive Director Oklahoma Real Estate Commission 1915 N. Stiles Ave., Ste. 200 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

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Dear Executive Director Slabotsky:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission intends to take pursuant to agreed orders with respect to complaints C-2017-032 and C-2017-036. Respondents were convicted and pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to crimes involving moral turpitude. The Commission proposes to impose fines of \$1,000 in complaint C-2017-032 and \$500 in complaint C-2017-036.

The Oklahoma Real Estate Code authorizes the Commission to, "upon showing good cause, impose sanctions" on licensees. 59 O.S.2011, § 858-312. Good cause for sanctions includes "conduct which constitutes untrustworthy, improper, fraudulent, or dishonest dealings," "[d]isregarding or violating any rules . . . promulgated by the Commission," and committing a "crime of moral turpitude." *Id.* § 858-312(8-9), (15). The Commission may reasonably believe the proposed action will adequately deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to uphold standards of professionalism and integrity among real estate agents.

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