



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2018-328A

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

August 17, 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 orders in cases 2017-065, 2018-019, and 2017-064. All of these cases involve respondents who practiced engineering without a license. The Board proposes to impose a \$2,000 fine in each of 2017-065 and 2017-064, and impose a \$1,000 fine in 2018-019.

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 disciplinary 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 this proposed action advances the State’s policy to protect public welfare.

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MIKE HUNTER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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AMANDA OTIS  
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