

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-329A

Kathy Hart, Executive Director
State Board of Licensure for Professional
Engineers and Land Surveyors
220 NE 28th 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 a consent agreement in case number 2018-044. The licensee failed to disclose prior disciplinary actions in a different state on license renewal forms in Oklahoma. The Board proposes to inactivate the license, impose a \$2,000 fine and require the licensee to complete an ethics course.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Board to fine licensees who are "found guilty of . . . [a]ny fraud or deceit in obtaining or attempting to obtain or renew a certificate of licensure." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 475.18(A)(1). 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 this action advances the State's policy to protect the public welfare by upholding standards of safety in professional engineering.

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