



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-32A

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

January 31, 2018

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 a consent order with respect to complaint UC-2016-005. Respondent is NOVA Property Network, LLC, which engaged in unlicensed activities. The Commission proposes to impose a fine of \$2,500.

Oklahoma law prohibits "any person" from "act[ing] as a real estate licensee . . . unless the person shall have been licensed to do so under the Oklahoma Real Estate License Code." 59 O.S.2011, § 858-301. Business entities must also be so licensed. *Id.* § 858-305(A). The Board is authorized to "impose a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) . . . for each violation of the Code for unlicensed activity" *Id.* § 858-401(B)(1). The Commission may reasonably believe that a moderate fine is necessary to prevent 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 protect consumers of real estate services by requiring professionalism among licensees.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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