

Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2019-202A

April 29, 2019

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

Dear Executive Director Kueffler:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission intends to take with respect to complaints C-2016-002 and C-2017-021. The Respondent failed to notify the Commission of a new address, failed to file a written response to the complaint, and plead guilty to crimes involving moral turpitude. The Commission proposes to impose a total fine of \$4,500.

The Oklahoma Real Estate Code authorizes the Commission "upon showing good cause, impose sanctions" on licensees. 59 O.S.2011, § 858-312. Good cause for sanctions includes "[d]isregarding or violating any provision of the Oklahoma Real Estate License Code or rules promulgated by the Commission" and committing a "crime of moral turpitude." *Id.* § 858-312(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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