

## Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2019-215A

June 1, 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 complaint C-2016-012. The Respondent pleaded guilty to crimes involving moral turpitude and falsified the application for renewal by failing to disclose this crime. The Commission proposes to revoke the license

The Oklahoma Real Estate Code authorizes the Commission "upon showing good cause, impose sanctions" on licensees. 59 O.S.2011, § 858-312. These sanctions can include probation, suspension, revocation, or imposition of fines. *Id.* § 858-208(6). 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 is necessary to 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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