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**ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2021-15A**

Kathy Hart, Executive Director
State Board of Licensure for Professional
Engineers and Land Surveyors
220 NE 28th Street, Ste. 120
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

April 20, 2021

Dear 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 regarding an application for a P.E., S.E. designation from applicant, K.P. The Board found that the applicant does not meet the Board's licensure requirements for such designation. The Board denied the application, citing lack of sufficient structural engineering education, structural engineering experience and/or applicable professional examinations to show qualifications for the P.E., S.E. designation. The Board advised applicant that he may seek P.E., S.E. designation through statutory means set out in 59 O.S. 475.12c(F).

The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is authorized to "deny the issuance, restoration or renewal of . . . a certificate of licensure" upon good cause shown. 59 O.S.Supp.2020, § 475.8(4) Professional engineers licensed in Oklahoma who were approved by the Board to claim structural engineering, with or without an "S.E.", as an area of competence prior to November 1, 2017, shall submit the following by application and prescribed fees, if applicable, for Board consideration as minimum evidence that the applicant is qualified to use the title "Professional Structural Engineer" 59 O.S.Supp.2020, § 475.12c. The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to ensure that professional structural engineers using the designation P.E., S.E. meet the necessary requirements.

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 public welfare by upholding standards of safety in professional engineering.

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