



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2017-866A

Teanne Rose, Executive Officer  
State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
421 NW 13th Street, Ste. 180  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103

December 5, 2017

Dear Executive Officer Rose:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Board of Examiners of Psychologists intends to take in regard to license applicant D.L.W. The Board previously denied an application submitted by D.L.W. due to revocation of an Oregon license for having an inappropriate relationship with a former client. The Board proposes to extend an offer of licensure to D.L.W., but the license will be placed on suspension for three years in an inactive status, during which the applicant must undergo an extensive educational and clinical tutorial. After one year, the applicant can petition the Board to waive the remaining two years. After the suspension, the license would be placed on probation for two years.

The Psychologists Licensing Act grants the Board the power and duty to issue appropriate licenses to qualified applicants as well as the power and duty to deny licenses "pursuant to the provisions of the [Act] and such conditions as the Board may prescribe." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 1352.1(2), (3). The Act authorizes the Board to "suspend, place on probation, . . . [or] revoke any license to practice psychology," for violations including having a license to practice psychology suspended or revoked by another state. *Id.* § 1370(B)(12). The Board may reasonably believe that the licensing offer is necessary to deter future violations of the Act.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists has adequate support for the conclusion that the proposed action advances the State's policy that psychologists adhere to minimum standards of professionalism.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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