**Section 14.1185 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)**

a) Qualification. An ALJ must have knowledge of, and be willing to act consistent with, the policies of the Division of Aeronautics.

b) Duties and Authority. The ALJ shall have the following powers, in addition to any other specified in this Subpart K:

1) to give notice concerning and to hold hearings;

2) to administer oaths and affirmations;

3) to examine witnesses;

4) to issue subpoenas and to take or cause depositions to be taken;

5) to rule upon offers of proof and to receive relevant evidence;

6) to regulate the course and conduct of the hearing;

7) to determine the form in which evidence shall be submitted and the number of copies to be supplied and served;

8) to hold conferences, before or during the hearing, for the settlement or simplification of issues;

9) to rule on motions and to dispose of procedural requests or similar matters;

10) to grant extensions of time on any matter connected with the hearing;

11) to take any other action authorized by this Part, or by any Illinois aeronautics statute;

12) to waive, or otherwise grant a variance from, such procedural requirements as may be helpful to avoid an impracticable or unduly harsh consequence and which would not result in harm, cost or inconvenience to other persons; and

13) to rule on requests for protective Orders, which would prevent the disclosure of proprietary or personal information, whose disclosure would not be a public benefit.