**Section 1001.30 Right to Counsel**

a) Attorneys Must be Licensed; 711 Students. Any party may appear and be heard through an attorney at law licensed to practice in the State of Illinois, or any law student licensed under Supreme Court Rule 711, in any hearing in any matter involving the exercise of legal skill or knowledge. (S. Ct. Rule 711)

b) Pro Hac Vice. Attorneys admitted to practice in states other than the State of Illinois may appear and be heard in a specific hearing, upon the attorney's verbal representations or written documentation as to the attorney's admittance, by special leave of the Director of the Department or the Director's designee, pursuant to an Order pro hac vice, as authorized by Supreme Court Rule 707 and the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 5.5, effective January 1, 2010.

c) Pro Se. A natural person may appear and be heard on his or her own behalf.

d) Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, and Partnerships. A corporation, association, limited liability company or partnership must appear by legal counsel, licensed to practice in the State of Illinois or appearing pro hac vice.

e) The standard of conduct shall be the same as before the Courts of Illinois.

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 834, effective December 31, 2015)