**Section 360.170 Disruptive Conduct at Investigative Conferences**

If any person becomes so disruptive or abusive that a full and fair conference cannot be conducted, the Hearing Officer shall exclude the person from the conference. The Hearing Officer, in his/her discretion, may take any of the following actions: continue the conference without the participation of the excluded individual; render a decision based upon the evidence previously presented; dismiss the employee's claim, or strike the employer's response.