**Section 1110.10 Definitions**

"Address of Record" means the address and/or email address required to be on file with the Department's Licensure Maintenance Unit by a licensee or, in the case of an unlicensed person, the most recent publicly ascertainable address.

"Administrative Law Judge" or "ALJ" means an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois who has been designated by the Director to conduct any hearings governed by this Part. For the purposes of this Part, "Administrative Law Judge" means the same as "Hearing Officer" as referenced in the DFPR Law or in any Act administered by the Division.

"Board" means any Board or Committee created or existing under the DFPR Law or other Acts as advisory Boards or Committees to the Secretary or Director.

"Clerk of the Court" means the person or unit designated by the Division to receive filings and to date stamp them.

"Department" means the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

"DFPR Law" means the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois [20 ILCS 2105].

"Director" means the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation or the Director of the Division of Real Estate or duly appointed Acting Director, with the authority delegated by the Secretary.

"Division" means the Division of Professional Regulation or the Division of Real Estate within the Department, as the context indicates.

"Formal Hearing" means a formal proceeding that is conducted on the record before an Administrative Law Judge during which the parties present evidence and make arguments regarding appropriate action on a contested matter.

"Hearing" means any hearing authorized to be held in the Department or before any of its several Boards within the Division, an Administrative Law Judge, the Director or the Secretary by the DFPR Law or any and all other applicable statutes at any time in force in the State of Illinois.

"Licensee" means any holder of, or applicant for, a license, registration or other credential issued by the Division. "Licensee" also includes an unlicensed person who holds himself or herself out to be a licensee or engages in a licensed activity. For purposes of this definition, a license, registration or credential issued by the Division may be active, inactive, expired or in any other status.

"Petitioner" is a party who, by written petition, seeks relief or licensure under any provision of the statutes of the State of Illinois or any rule, order or determination of the Division. The party seeking licensure may also be identified as "applicant".

"Respondent" is a person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other legal entity against whom a complaint or notice initiating a proceeding is filed or to whom an order or complaint is directed by the Division.

"Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and Professional Regulation.

"Unlicensed Person" means any person who has never held a license and who is not an applicant for licensure.

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