**Section 1110.170 Administrative Law Judges**

a) In any contested case, the Director shall appoint and employ an attorney, licensed to practice in Illinois, to serve as Administrative Law Judge on behalf of the Board. The Director may also appoint and employ an attorney, licensed to practice in Illinois, to serve as ALJ to conduct any hearing in his or her stead. The ALJ shall be empowered to conduct the hearing, question witnesses, make rulings on motions and objections, and submit Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and his or her recommendation to the Board or Director at the conclusion of the case.

b) It shall not be a bar to employment as an Administrative Law Judge that the attorney is also a Department employee.

(Source: Amended at 43 Ill. Reg. 9969, effective September 13, 2019)