

## **Rule 100.2. Appointment, Qualification and Compensation of Administrative Hearing Officers**

**(a) Appointment.** Administrative hearing officers shall be hired by the chief judge of each judicial circuit, after satisfying the qualifications set by the Supreme Court. Candidates for the position of administrative hearing officer must apply for appointment with the chief judge of each judicial circuit.

**(b) Qualifications.** Administrative hearing officers must be licensed to practice law in Illinois and must have been engaged in the active practice of law for a minimum of three years.

**(c) Disqualification.** A full-time administrative hearing officer shall not practice law before any court. A part-time administrative hearing officer shall not practice law in any domestic relations matter or other matter which would qualify for an expedited hearing before an administrative hearing officer without the written consent of both parties. Upon appointment to a case, an administrative hearing officer shall notify the judge and withdraw from the case if any grounds appear to exist for disqualification under Supreme Court Rules 61 through 67.

**(d) Oath of Office.** Each administrative hearing officer shall take an oath of office similar to a judicial oath.

**(e) Compensation.** Each administrative hearing officer shall be compensated as provided in the Plan.

**(f) Communications with Attorneys.** Disciplinary rules governing the conduct of attorneys before a court remain applicable in expedited child support hearings. Disciplinary rules governing communications between an attorney and a judge govern communications between attorneys and administrative hearing officers.

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