**Section 104.225 Legal Counsel**

a) Any party may appear and be heard at a hearing requested pursuant to 104.210 or any formal conference conducted pursuant to Section 104.216 through an attorney at law authorized to practice in the State of Illinois or any other state. An individual may appear and be heard on his or her own behalf.

b) All persons appearing in proceedings before the Department shall conform to the standards of conduct of attorneys before the courts of the State of Illinois. If a person does not conform to such standards, the Department may decline to permit such person to appear in any proceeding or exclude such person.

(Source: Amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 12306, effective July 26, 2002)