**Section 300.990 Contumacious Conduct in Investigative Hearings**

If any person becomes so disruptive or abusive that a full and fair hearing cannot be conducted, the Hearing Officer shall exclude the person from the hearing. The Hearing Officer, in his/her discretion, may take any of the following actions: continue the hearing 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.

(Source: Added at 16 Ill. Reg. 13828, effective September 1, 1992)