

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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) Judge Azeema N. Akram  
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**STANDING ORDER RELATING TO PRO SE LITIGANTS**

*Pro se* litigants are strongly encouraged to retain legal counsel to represent them before the Commission. However, *pro se* litigants have the right to represent themselves before the Commission.

A *pro se* litigant that chooses to represent themselves before the Commission is reminded that “a *pro se* litigant is held to the standard of an attorney.” Mininni and Inter-Track Partners, IHRC, ALS No. 7961, December 10, 1996 (quoting First Illinois Bank and Trust v. Galuska, 155 Ill.App.3d 86, 627 N.E.2d 325 (1st Dist. 1993)).

“Justice requires that the parties live with litigation decisions they have made, either through their attorney or on a *pro se* basis.” Fitzgerald and Fischer Imaging Corp., IHRC, ALS No. 10142, May 29, 1998.