

NOTICE REGARDING ATTORNEYS

INDIVIDUALS

There is no requirement that individuals have attorneys to represent them before the Human Rights Commission. However, unrepresented parties are at a great disadvantage when facing opponents who are represented. Having competent legal counsel provides you with your best opportunity to present your case. Therefore, if you are an unrepresented individual, you are strongly advised to hire an attorney as soon as possible.

It is vital that you begin your search immediately. While the Commission wants to give you the opportunity to be represented, it is not fair to other parties to delay this matter indefinitely if you have not been diligent. Moreover, the sooner an attorney becomes involved in the case, the more help he or she can be to you.

CORPORATIONS

Under Illinois law, a corporation is required to have a licensed attorney represent it in litigation matters. As a result, it is absolutely necessary for a corporation to hire an attorney in order to appear before the Human Rights Commission.

It is important for a corporation to hire an attorney as soon as possible. A corporation can be held in default if no attorney appears on its behalf. In addition, the sooner an attorney becomes involved in the case, the more help he or she can be.

The Human Rights Commission does not have the ability to appoint attorneys to represent parties. Furthermore, the Commission cannot provide legal advice regarding your case. We strongly urge you to refer any legal questions to an attorney.