Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance

2-213.

- (b) (1) The Commissioner shall allow any party to a hearing to:
- (i) appear in person OR, IN THE CASE OF A CORPORATION, THROUGH A CORPORATE DESIGNEE [and];
 - (II) be represented:
 - 1. by counsel; OR
 - 2. IN THE CASE OF AN INSURER, BY A DESIGNEE OF THE

INSURER WHO:

- <u>A. IS EMPLOYED BY THE INSURER IN CLAIMS, UNDERWRITING, OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER; AND </u>
- <u>B. HAS BEEN GIVEN THE AUTHORITY BY THE INSURER TO</u>
 RESOLVE ALL ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE HEARING;
 - [(ii)](III) be present while evidence is given;
- [(iii)] (IV) have a reasonable opportunity to inspect all documentary evidence and to examine witnesses; and

[(iv)] (V) present evidence.

Article - State Government

9-1607.1.

- (a) An individual who is not licensed to practice law in this State may represent a party in a proceeding before the Office if:
- (3) the individual is a designee of a corporation while appearing on its behalf in an administrative proceeding held under \{\frac{1}{2}} 27-605 of\{\frac{1}{2}}\) the Insurance Article; or
- (4) the individual is an officer of a corporation, an employee designated by an officer of a corporation, a general partner in a business operated as a partnership or an employee designated by a general partner, or an employee designated by the owner of a business operated as a sole proprietorship while the officer, partner, or employee is appearing on behalf of the corporation, partnership, or business in an administrative hearing held under:
- (i) § 8-312 of the Business Regulation Article (Home Improvement Commission);