

# **EXHIBIT PROCEDURES**

## **FOR HEARINGS**

### **Section 9030.70 Rules of Evidence, before the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, 50 Il Admin. Code Sec. 9030.70, provides in pertinent part:**

- a) The Illinois Rules of Evidence shall apply in all proceedings before the Commission, either upon Arbitration or Review, except to the extent they conflict with the Act, the Workers' Occupational Diseases Act [820 ILCS 310], or the Rules Governing Practice Before the Workers' Compensation Commission (50 Ill. Adm. Code Chapter VI).
- b) Exhibits offered in evidence, whether admitted or rejected, shall be retained by the assigned Arbitrator or Commissioner until a decision is issued in the matter. Exhibits may not be removed by the parties. Once a final decision is rendered, except as otherwise provided in this Part, exhibits shall be retained by the Commission pursuant to the requirements of Section 17 of the Act.
- c) Pursuant to 50 Ill. Adm. Code 9015.10 and 9015.20 and the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act [815 ILCS 333], any documents or records retained by the Commission may be retained in electronic format.

In accord with this Rule, the following Procedure will be followed at any Evidentiary Hearing:

- All documentary evidence **must** be submitted in paper form.
- A USB Drive with a multi-page document is not acceptable, as neither the arbitrator nor the other party is fully aware of the entire content of such a device.
- The parties must identify pages in any exhibit, by number, that are to be relied upon by the Arbitrator.
- The IWCC will not accept USB drives containing documents, as they may be corrupted and could introduce a virus into our system.
- It is for these reasons that the parties are required to submit paper documents as exhibits at trial.