

**650—51.12(17A) Pleadings.**

**51.12(1) Pleadings.** Pleadings may be required by rule, by the notice of hearing, or by order of the presiding officer.

**51.12(2) Answer.** An answer shall be filed within 20 days of service of the statement of charges and notice of hearing.

*a.* An answer shall show on whose behalf it is filed and specifically admit, deny, or otherwise answer all material allegations of the statement of charges. It shall state any facts deemed to show an affirmative defense and contain as many additional defenses as the pleader may claim.

*b.* An answer shall state the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the answer, the person or entity on whose behalf it is filed, and the attorney representing that person, if any.

*c.* Any allegation in the statement of charges not denied in the answer is considered admitted.

**51.12(3) Amendment.** Amendments to the statement of charges and to an answer may be allowed with the consent of the parties or in the discretion of the presiding officer who may impose terms or grant a continuance.