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**201—12.14(17A) Hearings.** A hearing may be conducted before an administrative law judge in accordance with Iowa Code section 17A.11. The administrative law judge shall be in control of the proceedings and shall have the authority to administer oaths, to admit or exclude testimony or other evidence and to rule on all motions and objections. The administrative law judge has the right to conduct a direct examination of the testimony of a witness at the time the testimony is given or at a later stage during the proceeding. Direct examination and cross-examination by the administrative law judge are subject to objections properly raised in accordance with the rules of evidence noted in subrules 12.16(1) and 12.16(2).