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11—7.6(8A,17A) Presiding officer.

7.6(1) An administrative law judge shall have the following technical expertise unless waived by the department.

- a. A license to practice law in the state of Iowa;
- b. Three years' experience as an administrative law judge; and
- c. For a hearing related to procurement, knowledge of contract law.
- **7.6(2)** Except as otherwise provided by law, all rulings by an administrative law judge acting as presiding officer are subject to appeal to the department. A party must seek any available intra-agency appeal in order to exhaust adequate administrative remedies.
- **7.6(3)** Unless otherwise provided by law, the director, or the director's designee, when reviewing a proposed decision upon intra-agency appeal, shall have the powers of and shall comply with the provisions of this chapter which apply to presiding officers.