

161—9.17(216) Depositions upon oral examination.

9.17(1) *When depositions may be taken.* The commission may take a deposition in an investigation of a complaint of housing discrimination at any time during the pendency of that investigation.

9.17(2) *Recording.* The administrative law judge charged with the duty of determining probable cause under Iowa Code subsection 216.15(3) may order that the testimony at such an investigative deposition be recorded by other than stenographic means, in which event the order shall designate the manner of recording the deposition, and may include other provisions to ensure that the recorded testimony will be accurate and trustworthy. If the order is made, the party from whom discovery is sought or the deponent may nevertheless arrange to have a stenographic transcription made at that party's or deponent's own expense. An order of the administrative law judge is not required to record testimony by nonstenographic means if the deposition is also to be recorded stenographically.

9.17(3) *Place of deposition.*

a. Oral depositions may be taken only within this state.

b. If the deponent is a party or the officer, partner or managing agent of a party which is not a natural person, the deponent shall be required to submit to examination in Polk County, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer for discovery.

9.17(4) *Failure to attend; expenses.* If the commission official fails to attend and proceed with a noticed deposition and the party from whom discovery is sought attends in person or by attorney pursuant to the notice, the presiding officer for discovery may order the commission to pay to such party the reasonable expenses incurred by the party and the other party's attorney in attending, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

9.17(5) *Depositions by telephone.* Any deposition permitted by these rules may be taken by telephonic means.

When the commission intends to take the deposition of any person upon oral examination by telephonic means, the commission shall give reasonable notice thereof in writing to any party who is to be deposed and to any other deponent. Such notice shall contain all other information required by subrule 9.18(1) and shall state that the telephone conference will be arranged and paid for by the commission. No part of the expense for telephone service shall be taxed as costs.

If the commission desires to present exhibits to the witness during the deposition, copies shall be sent to the deponent and any party who is to be deposed, prior to the taking of the deposition.

Nothing in this rule shall prohibit a party from whom the discovery is sought or counsel for that party or for the deponent from being in the presence of the deponent when the deposition is taken.