

## Maritime Administration, DOT

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and 805(a) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, shall be conducted in accordance with part 203 of this chapter except as may be provided otherwise by the Administration.

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### § 201.2 Mailing address; hours.

Documents required to be filed in, and correspondence relating to, proceedings governed by the regulations in this part should be addressed to "Secretary, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590." The Office of the Secretary, Maritime Administration, including the public document reading room, located in room 7210, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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### § 201.3 Authentication of rules, orders, determinations and decisions of the Administration.

All rules, orders, determinations or decisions issued in any proceeding covered by the regulations in this part shall, unless otherwise specifically provided by the Administration, be signed and authenticated by seal by the Secretary of the Administration in the name of the Administration.

### §§ 201.4–201.5 [Reserved]

### § 201.6 Documents in foreign languages.

Every document, exhibit, or other paper written in a language other than English and filed with the Administration or offered in evidence in any proceeding before the Administration under the regulations in this part or in response to any rule or order of the Administration pursuant to the regulations in this part, shall be filed or offered in the language in which it is written and shall be accompanied by an English translation thereof duly subscribed.

### § 201.7 Information; special instructions.

Information as to procedure under the regulations in this part, and instructions supplementing the regulations in this part in special instances,

will be furnished upon application to the Secretary of the Administration.

### § 201.8 Use of gender and number.

Words importing the singular number may extend and be applied to several persons or things; words importing the plural number may include the singular; and words importing the masculine gender may be applied to females.

### § 201.9 Suspension, amendment, etc., of rules.

The regulations in this part may, from time to time, be suspended, amended, or revoked, in whole or in part. Notice of any such action will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Also, any regulation in this part may be waived by the Administration or the Presiding Officer to prevent undue hardship in any particular case.

## Subpart B—Appearance and Practice Before the Administration (Rule 2)

### § 201.15 Appearance in person or by representative.

A party may appear in person or by an officer, partner, or regular employee of the party, or by or with counsel or other duly qualified representative, in any proceeding under the regulations in this part. A party may offer testimony, produce and examine witnesses, and be heard upon brief and at oral argument if oral argument is granted. Any person compelled to appear in a proceeding pursuant to subpoena may be accompanied, represented, and advised by counsel and may purchase a transcript of his testimony.

### § 201.16 Authority for representation.

Any individual acting in a representative capacity in any proceeding before the Administration may be required by the Administration or the Presiding Officer to show his authority to act in such capacity.

### § 201.17 Written appearance.

Persons who appear at any hearing shall deliver a written notation of appearance to the reporter, stating for whom the appearance is made. The

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written appearance shall be made a part of the record.

**§ 201.18 Practice before the Administration defined.**

Practice before the Administration shall be deemed to comprehend all matters connected with any presentation to the Administration or its staff.

**§ 201.19 Presiding officers.**

Hearings on any matter before the Administration will be held by a duly designated Member or Members thereof, or a Hearing Examiner qualified under section 11 of the Administrative Procedure Act, assigned by the Chief Hearing Examiner, who shall be designated as the Presiding Officers. Where appropriate the Administration may designate other members of the staff to serve as Presiding Officers in hearings not required by statute, as provided in § 201.86.

**§ 201.20 Attorneys at law.**

Attorneys at law who are admitted to practice before the Federal courts or before the courts of any State or territory of the United States may practice before the Administration. An attorney's own representation that he is such in good standing before any of the courts herein referred to will be sufficient proof thereof.

**§ 201.21 [Reserved]**

**§ 201.22 Firms and corporations.**

Except as regards law firms, practice before the Administration by firms or corporations on behalf of others shall not be permitted.

**§ 201.23 [Reserved]**

**§ 201.24 Suspension or disbarment.**

The Administration may, in its discretion, deny admission to, suspend, or disbar any person from practice before the Administration who it finds does not possess the requisite qualifications to represent others or is lacking in character, integrity, or to have engaged in unethical or improper professional conduct. Disrespectful, disorderly, or contumacious language or contemptuous conduct at any hearing

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before the Administration or a presiding officer shall constitute grounds for immediate exclusion from said hearing by the Presiding Officer. Any person who has been admitted to practice before the Administration may be disbarred from such practice only after he has been afforded an opportunity to be heard.

**§ 201.25 Statement of interest.**

The Administration, in its discretion, may call upon any practitioner for a full statement of the nature and extent of his interest in the subject matter presented by him before the Administration. Attorneys retained on a contingent fee basis shall file with the Administration a copy of the contract of employment.

[General Order 41, 3d Rev., 29 FR 14475, Oct. 22, 1964; 29 FR 15374, Nov. 17, 1964, as amended at 60 FR 38735, July 28, 1995]

**§ 201.26 Former employees.**

(a) No former officer or employee of the Administration, after his or her employment with the Administration has ceased, shall act as agent or attorney for anyone other than the United States in connection with any particular matter in which a specific party or parties are involved and in which the United States is a party or has a direct and substantial interest and in which the former officer or employee participated personally and substantially as an officer or employee of the Maritime Administration through decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation, or otherwise while so employed by the Maritime Administration.

(b) No former officer or employee of the Administration shall practice, appear, or represent anyone, directly or indirectly, other than the United States, before the Administration in any matter for a period of 1 year subsequent to the termination of his or her employment with the Administration in connection with any proceeding, application, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, or other particular matter involving a specific party or parties in which the United States is a party or directly and substantially interested