

WHAT WE DO

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) renders justice through fair, timely, and impartial administrative hearings and high-quality dispute resolution services.

OAH is the largest of Minnesota's three Executive Branch courts, with over 70 employees located in St. Paul and Duluth serving the entire state of Minnesota.



WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Judges preside over settlement and trial-level proceedings regarding disputed claims for workers' compensation benefits. More than 10,000 disputes involving over 7,500 workers are filed each year. Over 70% of all disputes are resolved through settlement.



ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Judges preside over cases involving challenges to state and local government action, including utility rates and routes, professional and business licenses, data privacy, environmental permits, special education, and campaign practice complaints. Since 1976, Administrative Law Judges have served over 250 state agencies and heard cases involving over 200 unique areas of administrative law.



RULEMAKING

Judges review regulatory rules proposed by state agencies to determine whether they are necessary, reasonable, and comply with state law.

The public and interested stakeholders can comment on proposed rules online, in writing or in person at hearings across the state. Judges reviewed almost 200 rulemaking matters in the past biennium.



BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

Judges determine the boundaries of cities and towns throughout Minnesota in annexations, detachments, consolidations, and related planning proceedings. Boundary adjustment requests come from property owners, cities, or townships. In the past biennium, 264 boundary adjustment requests were filed.