

**112-114-10. Evidence.** (a) A presiding officer shall not be bound by technical rules of evidence but shall give the parties reasonable opportunity to be heard and to present evidence. The presiding officer shall act without partiality. The presiding officer shall apply any rules of privilege that are recognized by law. Evidence shall not be required to be excluded solely because the evidence is hearsay.

(b) All testimony of parties and witnesses shall be made under oath or affirmation, and the presiding officer or the presiding officer's designee who is legally authorized to administer an oath or affirmation shall have the power to administer an oath or affirmation for that purpose.

(c) Documentary evidence may be received in the form of a copy or excerpt, including electronically stored information. Upon request, parties shall be given an opportunity to compare the copy with the original, if available.

(d) Official notice may be taken of the following:

(1) Any matter that could be judicially noticed in the courts of this state; and

(2) the record of other proceedings before the disciplinary review board or the commission. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 74-8751 and 74-8772; effective May 1, 2009.)