

§ 513.1

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§ 513.1 Scope of part.

This part prescribes rules with regard to general practice before the Office on one's own behalf or in a representative capacity and prescribes rules describing the circumstances under which attorneys, accountants, appraisers, or other persons may be suspended or debarred, either temporarily or permanently, from practicing before the Office. In connection with any particular matter, reference also should be made to any special requirements of procedure and practice that may be contained in the particular statute involved or the rules and forms adopted by the Office thereunder, which special requirements are controlling. In addition to any suspension hereunder, a person may be excluded from further participation under this chapter from a rulemaking hearing in accordance with § 510.2, from an adjudicatory proceeding in accordance with § 509.6(a)(1), from a removal hearing in accordance with § 508.3, or from an investigatory proceeding in accordance with § 512.5(b)(2) of this chapter.

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§ 513.2 Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (a) *Office* means the Office;
- (b) The term *Secretary* means the Secretary and any Assistant or Acting Secretary to the Office;
- (c) The term *presiding officer* includes the Office, his delegatee or an administrative law judge appointed under section 3105 or detailed pursuant to section 3344 of title 5 of the U.S. Code and, as used in this part, the term shall be construed to refer to whichever of the above-identified individuals presides at a hearing or other proceeding, except as otherwise specified in the text;
- (d) The term *attorney* means any person who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any State, possession, territory, Commonwealth or the District of Columbia; and

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(e) The term *practice* means transacting any business with the Office, including:

(1) The representation of another person at any adjudicatory, investigatory, removal or rulemaking proceeding conducted before the Office, a presiding officer or the Office's staff, including those proceedings covered in parts 508, 509, 510, and 512 of this chapter;

(2) The preparation of any statement, opinion, financial statement, appraisal report, audit report, or other document or report by any attorney, accountant, appraiser or other licensed expert which is filed with or submitted to the Office, with such expert's consent or knowledge in connection with any application or other filing with the Office;

(3) A presentation to the Office, a presiding officer or the Office's staff at a conference or meeting relating to an association's or other person's rights, privileges or liabilities under the laws administered by the Office and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

(4) Any business correspondence or communication with the Office, a presiding officer or the Office's staff; and

(5) The transaction of any other formal business with the Office on behalf of another, in the capacity of an attorney, accountant, appraiser or other licensed expert.

§ 513.3 Who may practice.

(a) *By non-attorneys.* (1) An individual may appear on his own behalf (pro se); a member of a partnership may represent the partnership; a bona fide and duly authorized officer of a corporation, trust or association may represent the corporation, trust or association; and an officer or employee of a commission, department or political subdivision may represent that commission, department or political subdivision before the Office.

(2) Any accountant, appraiser or other licensed expert may practice before the Office in a professional capacity.

(b) *By attorneys.* Any association or other person may be represented in any proceeding or other matter before the Office by an attorney.