

**SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLE HEARINGS**



Who can represent me?

You may be represented by an attorney or you may represent yourself (known as appearing “*pro se*”). It is up to you to decide whether you will retain an attorney. The OMVH cannot advise you on this decision and cannot recommend an attorney. However, a party representing him or herself without an attorney remains fully responsible for compliance with the OMVH Rules and the Administrative Procedures Act. *See* OMVH Rule 8.

If you choose not to represent yourself at the hearing, then only a licensed attorney may represent you and argue your case before the Hearing Officer.

Importantly, the laws and rules that govern legal proceedings can be complicated. Only an attorney can advise you of your legal rights, provide legal advice, and act on your behalf. If you choose to represent yourself, court officials and court clerks cannot give you legal advice or advise you on how to prepare your legal documents. You will need to do your own research in order to prepare your case.

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