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Dear Mr. Stassberg,

It seems there are more problems with this hearing.

The advice conveyed by Mr. Ortiz in his comment (attached) seems incorrect and illegal.

He has, per his comment, edited the Issue 17 Register record. To my knowledge this can't be done legally. There are procedures for dealing with errors, such as those in your case, but editing the Register is NOT allowed. It's a Permanent Record.

Mr. Ortiz is not an attorney; he's been disbarred; and should not be giving such advice.

You might check with Mr. Hendricks, his superior at SRCA.

It remains my conclusion that the way to remedy the error was to cancel the hearing, and restart it.

Best Wishes,

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