

A corporation may only appear in a district court proceeding through an attorney licensed to practice in Montana. *Audit Services, Inc. v. Frontier West, Inc.* (1992), 252 Mont. 142, 148, 827 P.2d 1242, 1246; *Cont. Realty, Inc. v. Gerry* (1991), 251 Mont. 150, 152, 822 P.2d 1083, 1085; *Weaver v. Graybill* (1990), 246 Mont. 175, 178, 803 P.2d 1089, 1091. Human Rights Act contested case hearings before the Department of Labor and Industry follow the same procedural and evidentiary rules as district courts. Thus, the Department requires that corporations appearing in Human Rights Act cases (which includes cases under the Governmental Code of Fair Practices Act) can only appear and participate through attorneys licensed to practice in Montana. "Corporations" come in many legal shapes, all of which are subject to this requirement. Unincorporated associations and partnerships can appear through association officers and through partners.