

South Carolina Administrative Law Court

What are the rights of a Protestant in a Department of Revenue alcohol licensing matter?

- As a Protestant, you have the right to appear at the hearing to testify in opposition to the application(s). However, you have limited participation in the proceedings because a Protestant is not considered a party of record to the contested case. *Byers v. S.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission*. 316 S.E.2d 705 (S.C. App. 1984).
- A group of Protestants with common opposition should designate a spokesperson to present evidence and speak for the group. There is no maximum number of Protestants who may testify, but the Administrative Law Judge may limit cumulative testimony.
- Protestants may choose to be represented by an attorney.

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