

## **V. TRIAL OF THE CASE**

It is the obligation of each party to make certain that all testimony and all evidence is presented in proper form. The judge cannot consider testimony or evidence which is not admissible under Illinois rules of evidence. The judge also cannot help any party with the presentation of the evidence.

After the trial has been completed, the judge will tell the parties how he/she will decide the case. In some cases the judge will announce his/her decision immediately and give the parties a written judgment; in some cases the judge will take the case under consideration before issuing a written judgment. If the judge takes the case under consideration, then a copy of the written judgment will be mailed to the parties by the Clerk of the Court after the judgment has been entered.