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The Arbitrator found that the Agency did not violate the parties' collective-bargaining agreement or § 7116(a)(1) or (5) of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute (the Statute) when it gave the Union notice of its intent to reduce the maximum size of office space for Administrative Law Judges and requested to bargain over the change. The Union filed exceptions to the award on contrary-to-law, essence, and exceeded-authority grounds. The Authority found that the Union failed to establish that the award was deficient on any of those grounds and denied the exceptions.

Member Abbott concurred, agreeing with the majority's decision to deny the Union's exceptions. However, because Member Abbott believed the Sidebar unavoidably conflicted with 5 U.S.C § 7106(a) of the Statute, he wrote separately.

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