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The Arbitrator failed to address the merits of the Union's grievance alleging that the Agency committed an unfair labor practice because she found that the grievance was an improper collateral attack on another arbitrator's jurisdiction and moot. The Authority found that the Arbitrator's determination that the Union could not grieve the alleged violations was contrary to law.

Member Abbott concurred and wrote separately to highlight issues that arise when a union is permitted to file multiple grievances that concern the same factual matters and allege similar legal allegations.

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