

**CASE DIGEST:** *U.S. Dep't of VA, John J. Pershing VA Med. Ctr., Poplar Bluff, Mo., 73 FLRA 914 (2024)*

The Arbitrator found that the Agency violated the parties' collective-bargaining agreement by denying the grievant 100% official time. The Agency filed exceptions to the award on contrary-to-law, contrary-to-Agency-regulation, nonfact, essence, and bias grounds. The Authority dismissed the contrary-to-law exception because it raised an argument the Agency could have, but did not, present to the Arbitrator. The Authority denied the contrary-to-Agency-regulation exception as unsupported. Because the Agency's remaining exceptions did not establish that the award was deficient, the Authority denied them.

Chairman Grundmann concurred.

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