

**CASE DIGEST:** *Assoc. of Admin. Law Judges, IFPTE*, 74 FLRA 325 (2026)  
(Member Arrington concurring)

The Union filed a grievance alleging that the Agency violated the parties' collective-bargaining agreement and the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) based on the manner in which it assigns cases to administrative law judges. The Arbitrator issued an award denying the grievance, finding that the Agency's assignment method complied with both the APA and the parties' agreement. The Union filed exceptions challenging the award on contrary-to-law, exceeded-authority, nonfact, and essence grounds. Because the Union did not demonstrate that the award was deficient on any of the grounds, the Authority denied the Union's exceptions.

Member Arrington concurred with the decision but wanted to take this opportunity, his first case as a Member of the Authority, to emphasize that § 7101(b) of the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute should be interpreted in a manner consistent with the requirement of an effective and efficient Government.

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