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that these rules will be applied in a manner that expedites the processing of each case, with due regard to the rights of all parties.

§ 1201.12 Revocation, amendment, or waiver of rules.

The Board may revoke, amend, or waive any of these regulations. A judge may, for good cause shown, waive a Board regulation unless a statute requires application of the regulation. The judge must give notice of the waiver to all parties, but is not required to give the parties an opportunity to respond.

§ 1201.13 Appeals by Board employees.

Appeals by Board employees will be filed with the Clerk of the Board and will be assigned to an administrative law judge for adjudication under this subchapter. The Board's policy is to insulate the adjudication of its own employees' appeals from agency involvement as much as possible. Accordingly, the Board will not disturb initial decisions in those cases unless the party shows that there has been harmful procedural irregularity in the proceedings before the administrative law judge or a clear error of law. In addition, the Board, as a matter of policy, will not rule on any interlocutory appeals or motions to disqualify the administrative law judge assigned to those cases until the initial decision has been issued.

§ 1201.14 Electronic filing procedures.

(a) *General.* This section prescribes the rules and procedures by which parties and representatives to proceedings within the Board's appellate and original jurisdiction may file and receive documents in electronic form.

(b) *Matters subject to electronic filing.* Subject to the registration requirement of paragraph (e) of this section, parties and representatives may use electronic filing (e-filing) to do any of the following:

(1) File any pleading, including a new appeal, in any matter within the Board's appellate jurisdiction (§ 1201.3);

(2) File any pleading, other than the original complaint or request, in any matter within the Board's original jurisdiction (§ 1201.2);

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(3) File a petition for enforcement of a final Board decision (§ 1201.182);

(4) File a motion for attorney fees as a prevailing party (§ 1201.203);

(5) File a motion for compensatory or consequential damages (§ 1201.204);

(6) Designate a representative, revoke such a designation, or change such a designation (§ 1201.31); or

(7) Notify the Board of a change in contact information such as address (geographic or electronic mail) or telephone number.

(c) *Matters excluded from electronic filing.* Electronic filing may not be used to:

(1) File the original complaint or request in a matter within the Board's original jurisdiction, which includes: a complaint filed by the Special Counsel seeking corrective or disciplinary action (§§ 1201.122, 1201.128); a request by the Special Counsel for the stay of certain personnel actions (§ 1201.134); a proposal to take action against an administrative law judge under 5 U.S.C. 7521 (§ 1201.137); or a request for a hearing on a proposed removal of a career appointee from the Senior Executive Service for performance reasons (§ 1201.143);

(2) File a request to hear a case as a class appeal or any opposition thereto (§ 1201.27);

(3) Serve a subpoena (§ 1201.83); or

(4) File a pleading with the Special Panel (§ 1201.137).

(d) *Internet is sole venue for electronic filing.* Following the instructions at the Board's e-Appeal site (<https://e-appeal.mspb.gov>) is the only method allowed for filing electronic pleadings with the Board. The Board will not accept pleadings filed by electronic mail.

(e) *Registration as an e-filer.* (1) Except when filing a new appeal within the Board's appellate jurisdiction (§ 1201.3), no party or representative may file an electronic pleading with the Board unless he or she has registered with the Board as an e-filer. Registration as an e-filer constitutes consent to accept electronic service of pleadings filed by other registered e-filers and documents issued by the Board.

(2) The exclusive means for a party or representative to register as an e-filer during a Board proceeding is to follow