

an appeal, the former law implied that the Appeals Board does not have jurisdiction over contract claims relating to real property leases. As revised, § 15-211(a)(2) of this subtitle expressly states that the Appeals Board does not have jurisdiction over a contract claim relating to a lease of real property.

Defined terms: "Appeals Board" § 15-101
"Contract claim" § 15-215 "Protest" § 15-215
"Unit" § 11-101

15-221. SAME -- PROCEDURES.

(A) PRIORITY OF PROTESTS.

IF A PERSON APPEALS THE DECISION OF A UNIT ABOUT A PROTEST, THE APPEALS BOARD SHALL:

(1) GIVE THAT CASE PRIORITY OVER OTHER MATTERS NOT INVOLVING PROTESTS BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD; AND

(2) DECIDE IT EXPEDITIOUSLY.

(B) BRIEFS.

(1) FOR ANY APPEAL, THE APPEALS BOARD MAY REQUIRE EACH PARTY TO FILE A BRIEF.

(2) IF BRIEFS ARE REQUIRED, THE APPEALS BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH THE ORDER AND TIME LIMITS FOR FILING BRIEFS AFTER CONSULTATION WITH BOTH PARTIES.

(C) DISCOVERY -- IN GENERAL.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, IN A CASE BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD, A PARTY MAY OBTAIN DISCOVERY ABOUT ANY MATTER THAT:

(1) IS NOT PRIVILEGED; AND

(2) IS RELEVANT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER INVOLVED IN THAT CASE.

(D) SAME -- PROTESTS.

IN AN APPEAL FROM A DECISION ABOUT A PROTEST, DISCOVERY SHALL BE LIMITED TO REQUESTS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS UNLESS THE APPEALS BOARD DETERMINES THAT EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE ADDITIONAL LIMITED DISCOVERY TO AVOID SUBSTANTIAL UNFAIRNESS OR PREJUDICE.

(E) FINAL DECISIONS -- CONTRACT CLAIMS.