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It is refreshing to see proposed rule changes that will simplify practice before the Board.

Many of the previous requirements, such as the requirement for an Evidence Appendix were very formalistic. These proposed rule changes will surely reduce the burden on applicants when it comes to preparing and filing appeal briefs.

Some practitioners believed, in the past, that there had been a desire to make appeals more difficult so as to discourage them, during a period of low allowance rates. These proposed rule changes dispel such thoughts.

I wholeheartedly support the proposed rule changes.

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