**ARTICLE 53 – BAR DUES AND TAX COURT ADMISSION**

**Section 1**

1. The Office will reimburse bar dues for employees who are in a GS-905 series. The reimbursement will be for one bar only and will be limited to $**600**~~300~~ per year per employee.
2. In any fiscal year where: (1) the Office provides notice under Article 47, Section 5 to the Union that it intends to furlough employees, or (2) OPM or OMB issues guidance directing agencies not to pay awards and the Office cancels awards for bargaining unit employees and non-bargaining unit employees, the Office will have no obligation to reimburse bar dues during that same fiscal year. But if the Office later decides to pay those awards, it will also reimburse employees for the bar dues for the year that was cancelled.

**Section 2**

When directed to do so by the Office, attorneys may be required to be admitted to U.S. Tax Court. Any employee who is so directed by the Office during the term of this Agreement will be reimbursed for the cost of the one-time Tax Court admission fee.