

(Adopted April 7, 1978)

**RULE 1223. PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

- (a) The District Board or the Presiding Officer may hold a prehearing conference for the purposes of formulating or simplifying the issues, arranging for the exchange of proposed exhibits or prepared expert testimony, limitation of number of witnesses, and such other matters as may expedite orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding. No party may be bound on any such matters unless all parties stipulate thereto.
  
- (b) Facts disclosed in prehearing conferences are privileged. Except by agreement, they shall not be used against participating parties, before the District Board or elsewhere, unless proved by evidence other than the fact of such disclosure.